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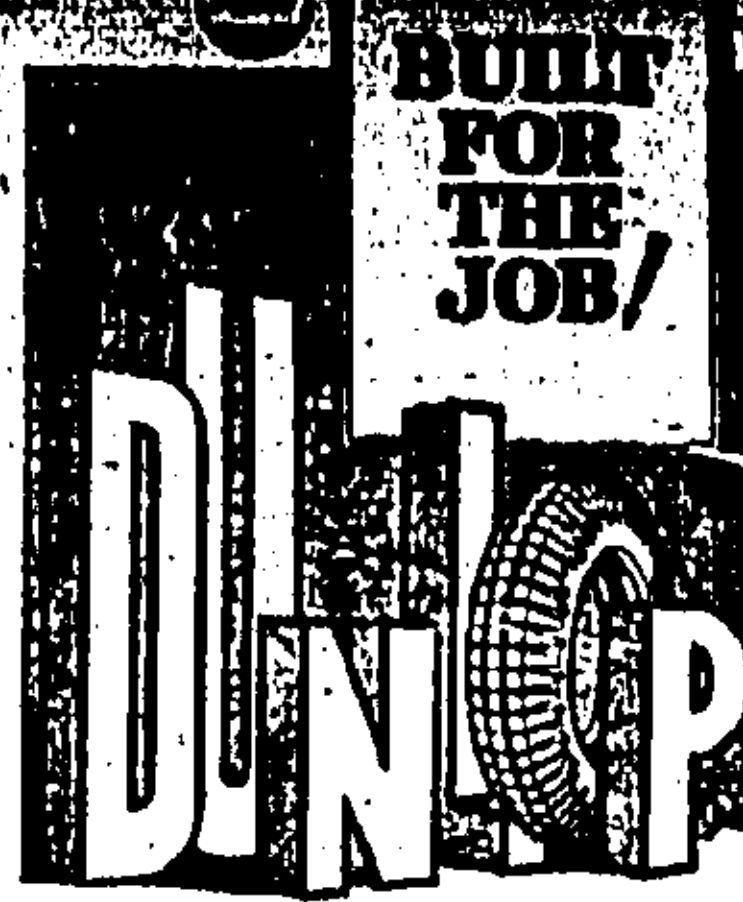
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PEAK ROBBERY EPIDEMIC: TOMMIES DETAINED.

BOLD BOY BANDIT SLAIN BY A WOMAN.

TERROR OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Bucharest, Jan. 18.
Popa, Rumania's nineteen-year-old boy bandit, the terror of the countryside, indulged in his last adventure to-day.

He was slain by a woman single-handed!
It appears that Popa attacked a party of villagers, shot one man down and was grappling with another. The latter's wife rushed to her husband's assistance with an axe, felling him from behind, cleaving his skull.

U.S.A. AND GOLD STANDARD.

DETERMINED TO HOLD ON.

New York, Jan. 18.
The United States will not abandon the gold standard, as has been suggested frequently of late.

This confident assertion was made to-day by a high banking authority, who said that the country's banking system was in a splendid position to meet any sudden call from foreigners.

AIR SERVICE TO THE CAPE.

INAUGURAL TRIP TO-MORROW.

London, Jan. 18.
On Wednesday a thirty-eight-ton aeroplane will set out from Croydon on the first stage of an eight thousand miles journey to Cape Town and thereafter a regular weekly service in both directions between London and South Africa is projected.
After a month of trial trips, with mails only, passengers will be taken. The aeroplanes engaged on the service will cover the distance in eleven days, which, it is hoped, will later be reduced to nine days.
The fare has been provisionally fixed at £150, including accommodation en route. Five types of aircraft, including giant flying-boats, will be used during each journey.—British Wireless.

M. BRIAND AND SIR JOHN SIMON.

EXCHANGE OF GOOD WISHES.

Paris, Jan. 18.
M. Briand has replied to Sir John Simon's message of goodwill and regret at the loss of a valued collaborator in international affairs.
M. Briand says he retains the liveliest memories of sincere sympathy as a result of their too brief collaboration in recent months and offers his most cordial wishes for the happy accomplishment of Sir John Simon's task.—Reuter.

BURMA RICE CROP SURPLUS.

FAILURE OF THE LATE RAINS.

London, Jan. 18.
The Government of Burma reports that the exportable surplus of rice is likely to be considerably less than had been expected, owing to the failure of the late rains.—Reuter.



Flying Officer A. D. Bennett, R.A.F., with his bride, Miss Jessica Winters, leaving St. Joseph's Church after their wedding yesterday afternoon. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

Europe Funking Reparations Issue.

LAUSANNE'S FATE UNDECIDED.

Paris, Jan. 18.
The date of the Lausanne Conference and the composition of the delegations are still undecided, according to a semi-official French agency.

It is not yet known even if the Conference will be held, or whether the delegates will be the Premier and the Finance Ministers, or the Finance Ministers only, or simply experts.
Negotiations are being actively pursued between the Young Plan signatories with a view to finding a basis for a provisional reparations agreement, but growing opinion in international circles is that a definite and detailed solution is at present out of the question.

Longer Moratorium.

According to a semi-official French statement, France and Britain are nearing an agreement with a view simply to renew the Hoover Moratorium to Germany for a further six months or a year.
Meanwhile, America's European creditors, who are also Germany's creditors, would, according to the same statement, make a joint declaration demanding identical treatment at the hands of the United States Government as a condition of the extension of the moratorium to Germany.—Reuter.

U.S. Being Sounded.

Washington, Jan. 18.
M. Laval, the French Premier, is sounding the United States regarding the possibility of extending the Hoover Moratorium.—Reuter's American Service.

SILVER DECLINES AGAIN.

FURTHER DROP IN THE DOLLAR.

Silver has again declined both in London and New York, with the result that the Hongkong dollar has fallen 1/8th, the demand rate being 1s. 4.11/16d.

London quoted silver at 18s. 15/16d. spot, a drop of 3/8ths, and 10 1/8d. forward, a fall of 5/16ths. China and India bought and sold, and the market opened quiet. After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady, with America inclined to buy.

The New York fall was 3/8ths on a dull market.

The outside rate in Hongkong is about 1s. 4.15/16d. and in Shanghai about 1s. 10 3/8d., but the market in both centres is dull, with practically nothing doing.

C. I. D. ACTIVITY.

AN INTERESTING PARCEL.

The Criminal Investigation Department believe themselves to be hot on the scent of the epidemic of Peak burglaries as the result of what might be termed a lucky capture in Yaumati last night.

If the Police suspicions are confirmed, an explanation is offered for the "sporting act" of the culprit or culprits concerned in the visit to the residence of Mr. H. L. Dennys in returning his war medals and snapshots of his little son.

Two British soldiers, stated to be privates of the South Wales Borderers, were taken into custody in a restaurant at Yaumati last night, following which considerable activity has been noted by men of the C.I.D. to-day.

Stolen Property?

It is alleged that in the possession of the prisoners the police found articles identified as having been stolen or reported missing from Peak residences.

The discovery has opened a wide field of investigation upon which the officers concerned are still engaged as we go to press.

A European Police Sergeant on duty at Yaumati last night, it is stated, was attracted by a sound of police whistles. On going into a restaurant from where the summons came, he found the two soldiers engaged in an altercation with the employees of the shop. The officer was given to understand that there had been a dispute over payment for the meals which the soldiers had ordered and consumed.

Interesting Parcel.

A parcel which one of the soldiers was carrying came under the Sergeant's attention, and he opened it. Inside were a variety of articles, the nature of which aroused closer interest. The soldiers were taken into custody and detained.

Records of recent thefts from Peak residences, which have been frequent of late, are being looked up with a view to ascertaining what connexion, if any, the arrests may have to a problem which has assumed vexatious proportions having regard to the almost monotonous regularity with which it has been presented and the seemingly continuous immunity enjoyed by the culprits.

Mr. Dennys' Loss.

It will be recalled that some little time ago, burglars visited the residence of Mr. H. L. Dennys, on the Peak, and stole goods to the value of about \$1,000. Amongst the booty were Mr. Dennys' war medals, together with snapshots of his little son. Early this month, the medals and the snapshots were returned to Mr. Dennys in an unstamped envelope, the name and address being written in printed letters.

Some time later, a Chinese, who had deserted from the Canton Army, was arrested on charges of thefts at the Peak residences of Mr. W. A. Novers and Mr. J. F. Wright, the articles stolen from the latter including two military officers' stars. When the accused man was brought before the Court, it was stated that within a period of seven weeks articles to the value of over \$5,000 had been stolen from Peak residences. The man under arrest was given a month's imprisonment.

An amended Police Reserve Order states in regard to the Reserve Emergency Unit that the defenda class will be held in the gymnasium at Police Headquarters on Thursday, January 21st instead of Wednesday, January 20th as previously notified at 5.30 p.m. under Police Sergeant R. J. Hunt.

YAUMATI "BOMB" EXPLOSION.



Above, an excited crowd during riots in Spain. Left, a wounded rioter being taken to hospital by Red Cross workers.

NO MORATORIUM IN CHINA.

STREET BATTLE IN BILBAO.

MOB THREATENS PRISON.

GRAVE DISORDER.

Bilbao, Jan. 18.
Mob law reigned in Bilbao to-day. Several were killed and wounded in clashes between rival factions. Many arrests were effected. An angry crowd, threatening to storm the prison, secured the release of three of their colleagues.

Following a clash between the Socialist Republican supporters and the Traditionalist opponents of the new regime in Spain, a mob of Socialist Republicans stoned and attempted to set fire to two Catholic newspaper offices and a convent.

The Traditionalists, who were armed in expectation of trouble, fired on the attackers, three of whom were killed.

Several others, including two policemen, who vainly strove to prevent the battle, were wounded.

Eventually, it was found necessary to order a contingent of the infantry out and temporarily order was restored, thirty-five of the Traditionalist leaders being arrested.

General Strike Called.

The Socialist Republicans, although they began the attack, have called a general strike in protest against the action of the Traditionalists. All the city's activities have been brought to a standstill, shops are closed and streets are deserted.

Prisoners Freed Later.

A crowd of over two thousand workers angrily demonstrated in front of the prison, demanding the release of three Communists arrested following the disorders earlier in the day.

The authorities, fearing grave developments, allowed the prisoners to go and they were carried out amid triumphal cheers.—Reuter.

Bombs and Strikes.

Valencia, Jan. 18.
Two bombs were thrown into the barracks of the Civil Guards here to-day, while two carabinieri were slain by strikers in an affray in connexion with the strike of metal workers at Sagunto. Six thousand textile operatives have struck work at Barcelona.—Reuter.

On a charge of bringing 30 letters into the Colony by one of the river steamers a Chinese was fined \$50 and four weeks' hard labour in default by Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning. Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Postmaster General, presided.

Two Chinese Wounded.

Riddle of Midnight Outrage.

A "bomb" exploded in a Yaumati confectionery establishment last night, causing injuries to two Chinese who were on the first floor landing.

The real nature of the explosion has not been determined, the origin of the "bomb" is unknown, though it appears to have been set as a particularly diabolical booby-trap, and the affair is rendered the more mysterious by the inability of the injured men to offer a possible motive for the outrage, if such it was.

There is nothing in the facts as disclosed to suggest that the explosion was designed particularly to injure the men concerned.

They were folk of the establishment, who had been out for the evening and were returning at about 11.45 p.m.

They had climbed the staircase and one of them opened the door on the first floor, where they were accustomed to sleep, when the explosion occurred with a terrific detonation.

Rushed to Hospital.

The "bomb" seems to have been so laid that it exploded when the door was opened. One of the men was injured in the back and the other was wounded in both legs. They were rushed off to hospital as soon as police aid was forthcoming, but it is not considered that the injuries are serious.

No-one About.

The victims, it is stated, declare that, as far as they know, no other person was on the staircase at the time of the incident, which caused considerable excitement in the neighbourhood.

If the person responsible was about, he succeeded in escaping unhindered.

A stick of dynamite is thought to have been the essential ingredient of the "bomb" but careful police inquiries have failed to reveal any clue or motive regarding the strange affair.

The door and staircase of the premises, No. 125, Portland Street, naturally suffered considerable damage.

PORTUGUESE SENT TO "HOUSE".

NO WORK FOR THREE YEARS.

Brought before Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of being in the Colony without any means of support, Eneas Manuel Victor Remedios said he had not been able to get a job for the past few years.

The prosecuting police officer stated that the defendant gave himself up as a vagrant. He had people living in Kowloon, and had not done any work since 1928. His Worship ordered defendant to be sent to the House of Detention.

Vatican and Birth Control.

No Exception to Catholic Prohibition.

Rome, Jan. 18.
"Why is there all this talk of birth control when statistics show an alarming downward grade of natality throughout the white populations of the world while the coloured races, on the contrary, are increasing?" asks the *Osservatore Romano*, the organ of the Vatican in an article to-day.
The writer protests strongly against the suggestions recently made that there are exceptions to the prohibition of birth control by the Catholic Church.

The article characterises the attitude of the Protestants in regard to birth control as confused, remarking:

"The Lambeth Conference issued an ambiguous condemnation of the practice and a lady was recently decorated for her work connected with the opening of birth control clinics which are actual agencies of infanticide."—Reuter.

WOMAN'S CLIMBING FEAT.

NEAR CONQUEST OF KILIMA NJARO.

MEN IN PARTY PUT TO SHAME.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Jan. 18.

A young Surrey girl, a member of a mountaineering party in Tanganyika, put her male companions to shame to-day, when she succeeded in climbing alone to within two thousand feet of the summit of Mt. Kilima Njaro.

Kilima Njaro is the highest mountain in Africa, and presents unusual difficulties. It is an extinct volcano, 19,320 feet high and large glaciers present serious problems for climbers.

The daring girl climber is a daughter of Mr. W. H. Bingham, a retired African business man.

She was left to accomplish the last stretch of her journey alone because the male members of the party to which she belonged were overcome by mountain sickness at 17,000 feet.

They were obliged to retire to the nearest rest camp while Miss Bingham went on.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

PROBABLE FRENCH DELEGATION.

Paris, Jan. 18.
The French delegation to the Disarmament Conference, which is meeting at Geneva on February 2, is being appointed to-morrow by the Council of Ministers.

It is understood that it will comprise M. Tardieu, newly-appointed Minister for War, as President.

M. Dumont, the Minister of Marine, M. Dumesnil, the Minister for Air, M. Paul Reynard, Minister for the Colonies and M. Paul Boncour (pictured) an ex-League of Nations delegate.

A message from Washington states that the House of Representatives and the Senate have both approved the vote of \$450,000 to cover the expenses of the American delegation to the Conference.—Reuter.

THE WALKER CUP GOLF DUEL.

BRITAIN ACCEPTS INVITATION.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Los Angeles, Jan. 18.
Much satisfaction has been given here by news that all doubts as to a British challenge for the Walker Cup, now in America's possession, have been dispelled.

The Royal and Ancient Club, St. Andrews, has accepted America's invitation to play for the Cup as usual.

Francis Ouimet has been chosen to captain the American amateurs.

Found trespassing at Mount Davis Barracks a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning. He was fined \$25. The defendant said he did not know he was trespassing on a fort, but it was stated that the accused was seen on the platform of one of the guns.

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**FINANCIAL CRISIS
EVIDENT.**
NO MONEY FOR NEEDS
OF EDUCATION.

Nanking, Jan. 18.
An official announcement that
the National Government does not
contemplate declaring a mor-
atorium is contained in an urgent
telegram sent to-day to Shanghai
bankers.—*Reuter.*

Educational Needs.
Nanking, Jan. 18.
The serious financial straits in
which the Government is finding
itself are eloquently illustrated
by an advertisement inserted in
the *Central Daily News*, the offi-
cial organ of the Government, by
representatives of Anhui educa-
tional institutions who claim that
a monthly grant which the Minis-
try of Finance promised when it
took over control of the provincial
revenues has not been forth-
coming for some time.

They declare that they have
been compelled publicly to voice
their grievance, as they have been
unable to obtain an interview
with the responsible officials of
the Ministry of Finance.

If the funds in arrears are not
paid, they threaten to reopen the
special cigarette tax bureau in
Anhui closed down by the Minis-
try and themselves collect the
revenue for educational purposes.
—*Reuter "Telegraph" Special.*

"Invasion" Threat.
Peking, Jan. 18.

An army of Peking professors is
planning to "invade" Nanking
shortly in order to demand pay-
ment of arrears of salaries, also
appropriations for educational
purposes in North China. —*Reuter
"Telegraph" Special.*

Pay Months in Arrears.
Peking, Jan. 9.

Educational authorities here
are facing a serious crisis as a re-
sult of financial difficulties. Teach-
ers of the various schools in the
Municipality are threatening to
strike en bloc if their salaries in
arrears for five months are not
paid. Total obligations in this re-
spect amount to about \$1,850,-
000.

In view of the gloomy situation,
a delegation of teachers from
seven schools has decided to pro-
ceed to the Capital to solicit aid
from the Ministries of Finance
and Education.

Meanwhile, all municipal pri-
mary schools are suspending classes.
A similar predicament faces the
middle schools should the teachers
fail to obtain a satisfactory reply
to their demands from the local
Bureau of Education.—*Kuo Min.*

China Finance.

The immediate creation of a
special emergency committee of
the Central Political Council of
12, 14, vested with supreme
power for the direction of govern-
mental affairs, similar to the war
Cabinet of England under Lloyd
George, was decided at an impor-
tant conference of the Govern-
ment officials who went to Shang-
hai from Nanking last week.

Unless this is done and done
quickly, China will cease to have
a government, declared Mr. Sun
Fu, president of the Executive
Yuan, in an interview with a re-
presentative of the *China Press*.

"I have been left a legacy," ex-
plained Mr. Sun, "which is unpre-
cedented. Not only is there not a
single cent in the treasury of the
government, but my predecessors
have mortgaged whatever little
available income there is for the
next four or five years in advance.
At present the monthly receipts at
best are \$6,000,000 but the mili-
tary expenses alone amount to
\$18,000,000 monthly. The grave
domestic situation calls for the
formulation of some drastic mea-
sures, and for great sacrifice on
the part of the people."

The financial situation with
which the special emergency com-
mittee would be first to deal is

very serious, said Mr. Sun in the
interview. He described it as
hopeless. The national revenue
collected by the agencies of the
Central Government under the
Ministry of Finance amounts to
from \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000
a year. Less than one-fifth of
this sum is available for adminis-
trative and military expenses, and
the other four-fifths is earmarked
for meeting domestic and foreign
loan services, it was said.

Thus the average monthly col-
lections, Mr. Sun said, were \$30,-
000,000 to \$40,000,000. What is
available for the Government to
spend for military and adminis-
trative purposes amounts to only
\$6,000,000 a month. The present
budget adopted by the National
Finance Commission under the
previous Government provided
\$18,000,000 for military expenses,
and \$4,000,000 for educational and
administrative expenses, a total of
\$22,000,000 a month which was al-
ready considered a great reduction
over the previous monthly ex-
penses of the government which
used to amount to \$35,000,000.

The minimum budget therefore
must require \$22,000,000 a month,
said Mr. Sun. Only \$6,000,000 is
at present available and is only
sufficient for one third of the mili-
tary expenses, and this leaves not
a single cent for educational and
administrative expenses.

\$180,000,000 For Bonds Needed.

During the last four years,
more than \$1,100,000,000 worth of
short-term and high yield domes-
tic bonds and treasury notes have
been issued, according to the pre-
sident of the Executive Yuan. Of
this amount \$800,000,000 has still
to be redeemed, and this will re-
quire an annual amount of \$180,-
000,000 for amortization and in-
terest payment.

"Before I took over my office,"
said Mr. Sun, "I thought that there
must be something left in the
treasury with which I might be
able to tide over the stringent
financial situation. Local bankers
held the same view. But to our
great surprise we found that all
of the \$80,000,000 currency loan
which had not yet been issued had
been mortgaged. To the Central
Bank \$46,000,000 in bonds was
assigned for an overdraft, and the
rest of the \$80,000,000 unissued
loan was mortgaged to other banks.

Russian Fund Mortgaged.

"The Russian Boxer indemnity
fund likewise had been mortgag-
ed to the Central Bank and other
banks for the next three years to
come although it was intended for
educational purposes. Until the
end of 1934 not a cent from this
fund will be available for educa-
tion.

"Then there is the annual sum
of \$5,000,000 set aside as a sink-
ing fund for the rehabilitation of
the domestic and foreign loans.
For the last two or three years it
was regularly turned over by the
inspector-general of customs to
the Ministry of Finance. But
upon looking into the accounts we
have found not a single trace of
the fund.

"In view of this critical finan-
cial situation, bankruptcy is star-
ing the nation in the face. There
is no found available whatsoever
for carrying on the government.
Unless some drastic financial mea-
sures are adopted, I do not see
any way out of this impasse. If
the country continues to have a
government, the people, I am
afraid, must make great sacrifices
at this moment of national crisis.
Otherwise not only there will be
no government, but China as an
organized state must collapse."

Must Have Co-operation.

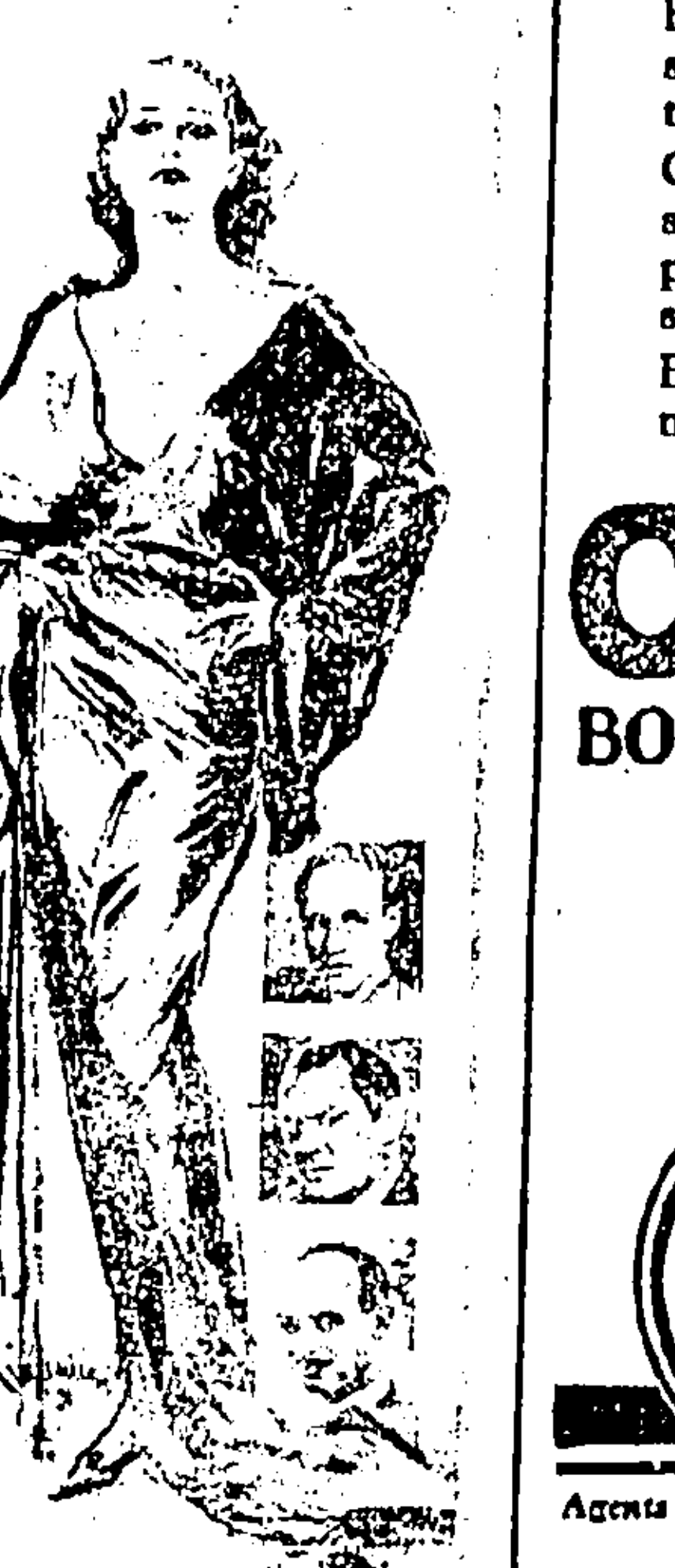
In concluding his interview, Mr.
Sun said: "We are given the
choice of the alternatives of chaos
and sacrifice to prevent the dis-
integration of the state. The mo-
mentous questions in regard to
finance and diplomacy will claim
the first attention of the special
emergency committee of the Cen-
tral Political Council immediately
after its formation in a day or
two. I hope that General Chiang
and Mr. Hu will be patriotic

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enough to forget their personal
considerations and come forward
to share the state responsibility.
I have secured a definite assu-
rance from Mr. Wang Ching-wei
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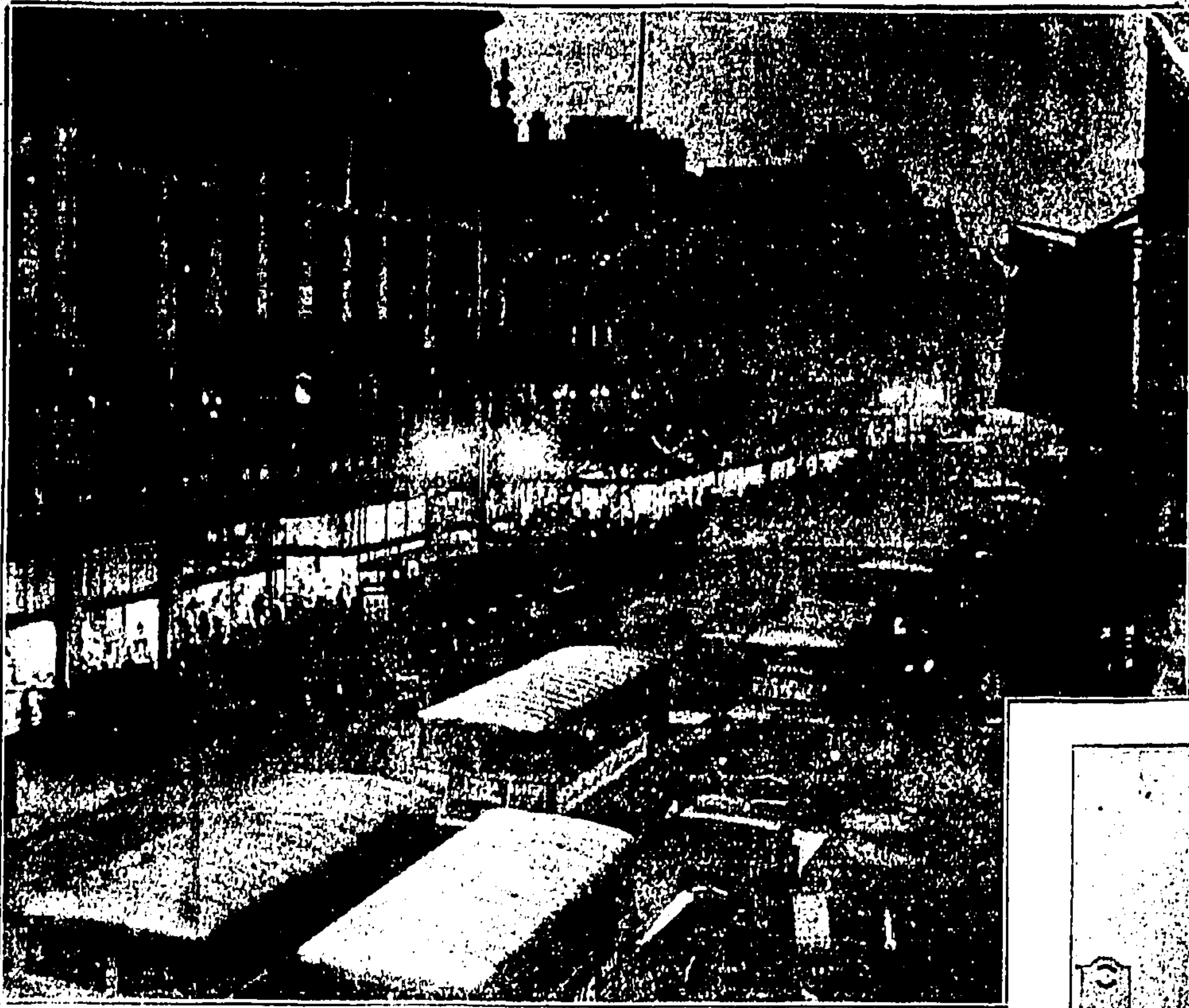
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REPUTATION
RIGHT NOW!

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By Small

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SCENES IN LONDON: FAMOUS PICTURE TABLEAUX.



A photograph taken at dusk in Oxford Street—one of London's business shopping centres—during the days before Christmas.—(Times copyright).



Children of Lady Gwendoline Churchill and Lady Joan Peel, taking part in a series of tableaux of famous pictures held at the Phoenix Theatre, London, in aid of the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies.—(Times copyright).



Another view of Oxford Street, taken earlier in the day than the picture above. This popular shopping street was crowded from morning to night during the busy Christmas season.



The final scene from the Nativity Play, "The Christmas Story", which was being given by members of the Young People's Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.—(Times copyright).

Gems of Peril

HAZEL CROSS HAILEY

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Mary Harkness plots to convert the Fly who she believes "framed" her brother, Eddie, with the murder of old Mrs. Jupiter, and later ran Eddie down and killed him. She is aided by Bowen of the Star, Mary's fiancé, Dick Rutherford, believes Eddie guilty, as do police who drop the case.

Bruce Jupiter, long absent, returns from Europe with a woman friend. His father orders him out and makes Mary his heir. Bruce returns, owing to Mary, who he thinks is a gold-digger.

Dick forbids Mary to see Bowen or continue the investigation. He says if she goes to Miami on the Jupiter yacht he will believe Bruce's charges. Mary goes because Bowen tells her The Fly may be at Hialeah when his home runs. Dick shows attention to his former sweetheart, Cornelia Taylor.

Mary is introduced to Count De Loma. De Loma is listed as owner of The Fly's home. She sees De Loma and Countess Louise, Bruce's friend, in secret conversation. She also learns that which the murderer used in his getaway and which later killed Eddie. Mr. Jupiter explains the car was bought for experimental purposes in his business.

CHAPTER XXXIII

What had happened at Hilton Inn, as Bowen told it, was this:

After waiting in vain for Mary to telephone him, he had hired a car and driven out the Dixie Highway to the Inn to see for himself what happened to her. He found the place empty except for the proprietor and went inside the frame shack to telephone the Ambassador and ask if she was there.

While standing at the wall telephone he heard a party arrive and seat themselves at a porch table. They were quiet enough at first, ordering soft drinks over which the woman cooed with interest, but presently their voices rose excitedly.

Bowen, who was enduring one of those interminable waits which seem to ensue whenever a hotel clerk is assembled by a request for information, exchanged amused glances with the waiter, and they both frankly listened.

The argument seemed to be over a diamond bracelet which fell out of the woman's handbag when she took out powder and lipstick to refresh her jaded complexion, according to the man behind the counter, who enjoyed a full view of the fracas.

Who gave it to you? Who gave it to you?" the woman's companion demanded repeatedly, grasping her wrist.

"But it is not what you think!" the woman protested. "It was given to me to hold as security for a loan of money. When the money is paid back, I give back the bracelet!"

The quiet this statement induced in the infuriated lover was more ominous than his rage, however.

"You loaned my money? To whom? De Loma?"

"Your money?" the Countess retorted with spirit and perhaps with justice, for Bruce's allowance was far from princely these days. "When do I ever see your money? No, it was the money I won on the horserace. And I loaned it to a woman—not a man. You are mad if you say I—"

"You gave it to De Loma," Bruce repeated calmly.

"It was a woman, I tell you! Stupid, what would a man be doing with a bracelet like that?"

"I am wondering," Bruce replied.

Bowen, who had now possessed himself of a knothole view of the proceedings, was convinced by the unyielding hardness of Bruce Jupiter's expression that the incident had opened a new vein of thought to the young man—and one which might prove fruitful.

The Countess, obviously frightened, resorted to tears, recriminations, pouts and sobs. There were walls of: "You are a beast. You do not love me!"

"Oh, yes, I love you, my dear Louise. But if I loved you twice as much, I still shouldn't put up with your lies."

"You don't believe me?"

"No, my dear Louise, I do not."

At this point dear Louise quite lost her head, and hurled a vol-

ley of gutter French at her erstwhile lover, who sat calmly sucking at the straw of his lemon soda until her outburst was over.

Not too lost to reason to be crafty, the Countess abandoned her tirade as suddenly as she began it and sank into her chair, trembling and fearful.

"Well, then, I will tell you," she said. "I promised to say nothing to anyone. But, since you are such a pig, I break that promise. When we get back to the hotel, I show her to you."

"Her—who?"

"The one I loan money to—the one whose bracelet it is!"

Bruce was puzzled but unconvinced. "All right, who was it?" he snapped.

"Well, then—if I must tell you—Miss Harkness! But please—do not let her know I say this—"

Bruce digested this a moment.

"What would Mary Harkness be doing with a bracelet like that? That's worth \$5000 if it's worth a cent! And why should she borrow money from you when she could pawn it? And why should she need money anyway?"

The Countess shrugged. "How do I know where she gets the bracelet? Perhaps some man gives it to her... perhaps your father?"

Bruce snapped "You're crazy!" But his laugh did not carry conviction.

"She does not wish to pawn it because of... the sentiment..." the Countess continued, so Bruce snorted incredulously.

"She'd pawn it before she'd let you have it," he decided. "She hates you, you know, because she thinks I'm going to marry you. He realized his error in bringing up the subject of marriage, evidently, by the quick flush that overspread his face. The Countess' steady look did not waver.

"And..." she purred significantly.

"We'll not talk about that," Bruce cut her off. "We've talked it all out before a dozen times. I owe something to my father's wishes. And besides, as I've told you, for me to do that would simply mean that he would cut me off

without a penny. Life in a Paris garret holds no charms for me, and as for you, my dear Louise, he threw back his head and laughed boisterously.

"Pah! You make always the excuse," Louise replied coldly. "But I no longer believe that. Le papa is not an ogre such as you paint him—he is a sweet infant, that papa of yours! He is not bad like you say!"

"No? Call him father, and see what a sweet infant he is. Don't be fooled simply because he hasn't thrown you out of the house. He's too wise for that. But let the wedding bells tinkle over so little, and you'd see! Besides, I have an idea that in his own sweet time he is planning to put the skids under our little romance anyhow—"

"If we marry first and tell him when it is done—" Louise persisted.

"No, I tell you!"

"Very well, then." Something about her deadly quiet should have warned him. "Very well. Then suppose I tell you it was De Loma?" Her tone changed to a shrill fishwife scream. "Why should I not help him when he is in trouble? Is it nothing that once we were lovers? Ha, you did not know that, did you? I tell you this now—I loved him more than ever I have loved you! At least he is a man of his word and that is more than you are, Monsieur Bruce Jupiter the artist!"

Thrusting the bracelet defiantly over her white arm, the thoroughly heated young woman flounced off in high dudgeon. After a brief interval there sounded from the road the low chuckle and roar of the Lorimer's engine starting up and the diminishing sound of its passage into the distance.

Bruce continued to smoke and to sip his drink in silence, making no move to follow. If Louise's taunt had jarred him he did not show it. His bland and untroubled countenance was as carefree, his manner as debonair as if he were seated at a sidewalk table of one of his own Paris cafes. Bowen began to fear that he was to be kept smothering behind the hot

wooden wall of the shack indefinitely, until a quick reconnaissance showed that he could leave by the far door and gain his own car without being seen by the pre-occupied Bruce.

It was a low trick to go off and leave the other man marooned in that out-of-the-way spot but he did not relish being caught in the role of eve-dropper. And he fancied Bruce would not care for the idea, either.

Bowen had a notion this would be an excellent time to secure a snapshot of the lady—while her cavalier was far away, and in no mood for smashing cameras or impertinent reporters' noses.

"She got away from me, though," Bowen concluded sadly. "The Lorimer went away from there like a bat out of hell. That coughing old taxi of mine couldn't even sight it. But I'm laying for her just the same. Borrowed a graflex from one of the picture men on the News and I'll be hanging around the front door of the Ambassador unless they chase me away. And I don't think they will. I've oiled the doorman with a tip on the fourth race to-morrow and a pass to the track, and we're old college chums now.

"Listen, chase her out to me, can't you? It's a swell chance. The sun's right, everything's O. K. I've got a hunch I can dig up some dirt on her if the boys in the police morgue get a good look at her."

Mary was more than dubious: she was frightened.

"She wouldn't do anything for me," she objected. "I'm afraid of that woman, to tell the truth! And from your account, she must be wild!"

"Oh, have a heart! Yell 'fire' or something! Shoo her out here just long enough for me to get a picture. I'll wait. Better hurry, though, before Bruce gets back and makes it up with her, the sap."

"I don't promise anything," Mary said. "I can try, but that's all."

"O. K."

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Kowloon Wharves, \$159 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old) \$5.30 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 91 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons Tls. 16½ b.
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Industrials.

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Dairy Farms, \$30 n.
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Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
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Machintosh, \$19 n.
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SIAM'S ECONOMY.

CLOSING DOWN TWO
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GENERAL'S GIFTS TO DAUGHTERS.

The stipulation that certain bequests made to his daughters shall be solely for their personal use "and not subject to the debts or control of any husband with whom they shall marry" is contained in the will of General Sir Richard Harrison.

General Harrison, whose estate has been valued at £47,172, directed that proceeds from the sale of his farm implements and stock, together with £500 for her immediate use, should go to his wife.

Other bequests include gifts to his staff, to Gay's Hospital and the Gordon Boys' Home, Hagshot.

General Harrison, who died at Exham, Devon, in September served at the Crimea and in the Indian Mutiny.

Lady Scarborough's Jewels.

The late Countess Scarborough, whose will was proved at Somerset House at £38,973, left the major portion of her diamonds and other jewelry to her nephew, Lieut. Roger Lumley, with the request that they be kept as family heirlooms.

The Countess, who was one of the famous beauties of England, leaves the rest of her jewels to her daughter, Lady Serena James.

The residue of the estate is left in trust to be divided between the Earl of Scarborough and Lady Serena.

Lieut. Lumley, who is serving in the Yorkshire Dragoons, is the heir to the present Earl. He was M. P. for Kingston-upon-Hull East from 1922 to 1929.

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Japan	Tsiliwong	January 20.
Straits	Van Heutsz	January 20.
Batavia	Tjandane	January 20.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	January 20.
Singon	Athen II.	January 20.
Straits	Kalyan	January 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	January 22.
Japan	Kamo Maru	January 22.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	January 22.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 2nd January)	Hakozaki Maru	January 22.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 2nd January)	Haruna Maru	January 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 26th Dec.)	Emp. of Canada	January 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 1st January)	Pres. Monroe	January 23.
London, 17th December	Pres. McKinley	January 25.
Japan	Agamemnon	January 27.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 9th January)	Nellore	January 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	January 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Chitral	January 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Asama Maru	January 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Helan Maru	January 31.
Japan	Hawaii Maru	January 31.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Fort Bayard	Wing Lee	Tues. Jan. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Sunshul and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Tues. Jan. 19, 4 p.m.
Formosa	Tai Tang	Tues. Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Sandviken	Tues. Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Japan	Tyndareus	Wed. Jan. 20, 8.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hector	Wed. Jan. 20.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 20, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Jan. 20, 10 a.m.
	Reg.	Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 18th February).	
	Michael Jensen	Wed. Jan. 20, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Athen II	Wed. Jan. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsitan	Wed. Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kusan	Wed. Jan. 20, 4.15 p.m.
Haihow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thurs. Jan. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Haruna Maru	Thurs. Jan. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrange	Thurs. Jan. 21, 3 p.m.
Bangkok	Bintang	Fri. Jan. 22, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri. Jan. 22, 2 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Jefferson	Fri. Jan. 22.
	Parcels	Jan. 22, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Jan. 22, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C., 9th February)	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia ..	Pres. Jefferson	Fri. Jan. 22.
	Reg.	Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 22, 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru	Fri. Jan. 22.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	22nd 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	22nd 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	22nd 5 p.m.
	Letters	22nd 6 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th February)	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kamo Maru	Sat. Jan. 23.
	Reg.	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 4th Feb.)	
Sandakan	Yusang	Sat. Jan. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Sat. Jan. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Monroe	Sat. Jan. 23, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun. Jan. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun. Jan. 24, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues. Jan. 26, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Daviken	Tues. Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Tsutsu Maru	Wed. Jan. 27.
	Reg.	Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 27, 8.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco, 17th Feb.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles ..	Chitral	Sat. Jan. 30.
	K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Jan. 29, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Jan. 30, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Jan. 30, 10 a.m.
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	Parcels	Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
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	Friday.	Yesterday.		
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Geneva	17%	17.13/16	Copenhagen	18.3/16
Berlin	14.64	14.20/32	Prague	117%
Oslo	16.7/16	18%	Lisbon	109%
Helsinki	10%	10%	Rio	4%
Athens	270	272%	Bombay	1/4
Sumatra Alrea	39%	39%	Yokohama	2/24
Shanghai	1/11.5/16	1/10%	Montevideo	31%
New York	3.48%	3.47%	Montreal	4.13%
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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

A LARGE AMOUNT OF STYLES IN SMALL HATS.



YOUR CHILDREN.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

I thought the day was over for scaring children, but this happened less than a week ago, and I repeat it here to enlighten those who thought as I did that the dark ages in child training were over. Evidently they are not.

A certain family with a little boy three years of age engaged a nurse who came highly recommended from a family of standing in another city—not a young woman, but 30 or 35 years of age.

Billy was balky about something. "If you don't do it, I'll bend your fingers back," said the nurse. His mother overheard the remark and laid down the law then and there. Billy didn't understand what his nurse meant, fortunately, and the nurse was allowed to stay on trial. But a day or so later she told Billy that she would put him down in a dark hole in the cellar and put a cross dog outside to keep him there.

This time there was no parley, Billy's nurse left.

Treats Plant Fear Complex.

Did you ever? Would you have believed that there still existed people who would dare to talk to a child like that?

I remember about four or five years ago of hearing a rather nice looking young woman in a store say to her little girl: "If you touch anything again I'll put your hand on the stove when I get you home."

I never got over that—really up until that time I had never heard such a vicious threat—I didn't know people ever talked like that to children. She didn't mean it, neither did the nurse mean it, but that doesn't matter. Such speeches are enough to strike a terrible terror in life in general into little people's hearts.

It doesn't matter that we don't actually call in the rascal to steal Tommy or send word to the big black bear to stand in his room and watch that he goes to sleep, or call the dentist to come and hurt him, or the policeman to put him in jail—the thing that matters are the words, the silly, sinister threats.

QUEER THINGS ABOUT COLOURS.

Did you know this? Greenish stars shine more brightly than red ones.

Blue things look a better colour hanging than they do lying flat. Yellow shows up most in sharp-cornered shapes.

Red is used as a colour on over two-thirds of the world's flags. Brown is known as the "earth colour," because not only is it the colour of the ground, but it is actually made of earth. It is the cheapest of all the colours.

Violet and blue have been used in famous pictures as shadows far more often than as real colours.

Blue is the "official" colour of England, for uniforms, "Blue Books," and so on; but red is the official colour of Spain, green of Italy, yellow of France, and white of Germany.

SWAN SALT CELLARS.

A pair of salt cellars, designed to appeal to those who like an old-fashioned touch to the dinner table, are made of antique silver in the shape of two swans. The birds have their feathers raised gracefully, while two blue glass pots for the salt rest on their backs. The spoons, which match the cellars, are also of silver, carved in an artistic pattern.

Fear complex does not arise from actual facts as much as from little words.

Poor Form of Discipline.

One time when I was little, a maid used to say to me, "If you don't do so and so, I'll take you out in the park and lose you." It was my favourite nightmare for years until my own common sense argued me out of it as I grew older. I have never got over my complex about being lost, old as I am. When I look back, I can readily analyze the terror planted in my child's breast by a threat. My advice is—never threaten in even the mildest form and never allow a nurse or anyone else to use this form of discipline.

BEAUTY HINTS.

[By Alicia Hart.]

While the new evening dresses cover your shoulders more than they did last season, they are ruthless in displaying the back. So take a hand mirror and consider your back carefully from the stand-point of beauty.

Your back must have the same satiny smoothness and the same soft texture as your cheeks and your arms.

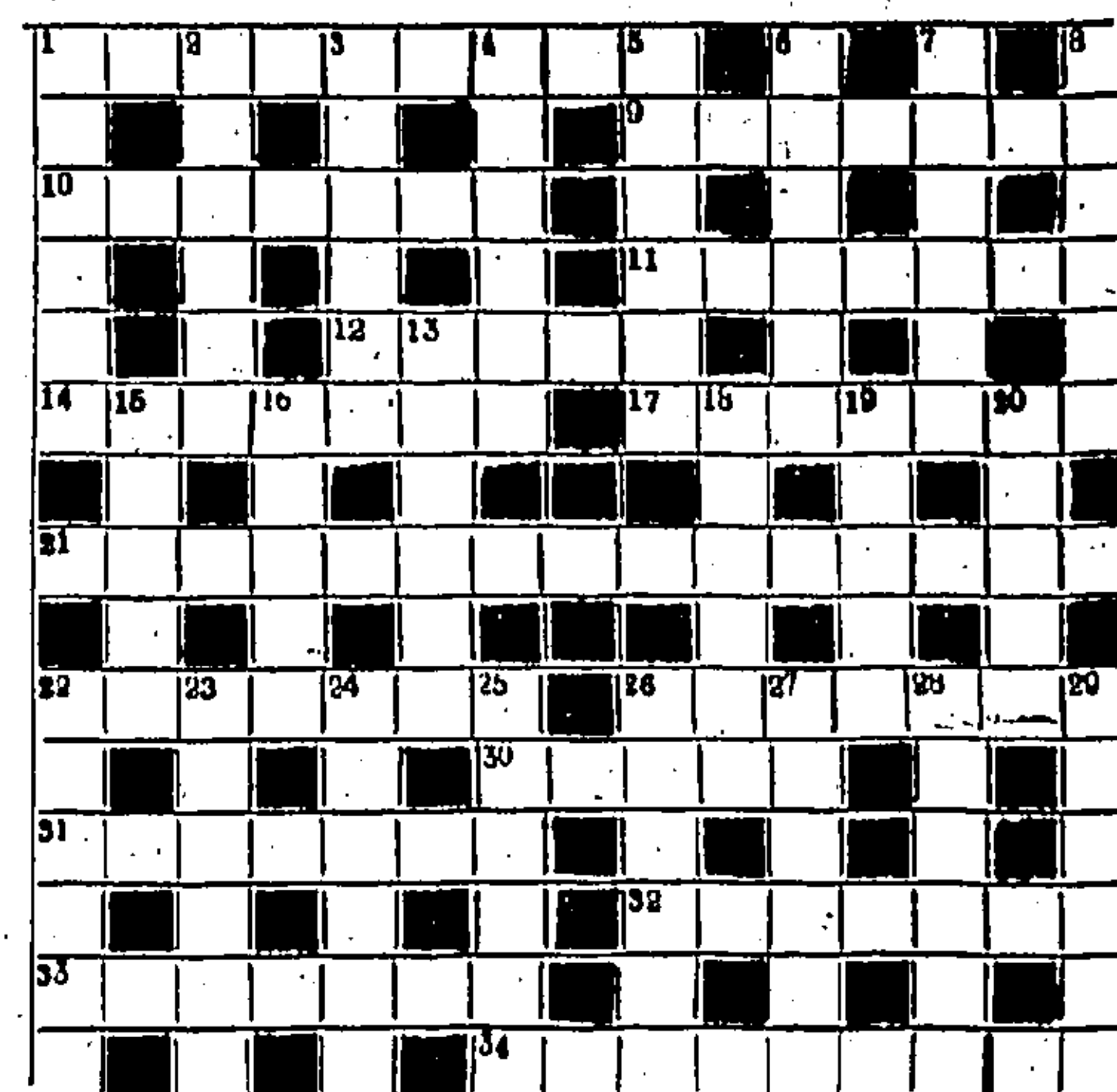
Back brushes will stir the circulation and rub out all the dirt in the pores which will eventually cause blackheads. They are very long handled and with them you can reach every portion of your back and shoulders. Make a heavy lather of a good bland soap and brush and massage your back vigorously. Rinse it with cool water later to close the pores.

When you dry your back, pull the bath towel back and forth diagonally over both of your shoulder blades. This also stimulates circulation and naturally helps to make many imperfections disappear.

If your back seems too thin, get a good nourishing cream and massage your skin. You can do this quite easily by attaching a cotton pad to the end of a long stick. The stick will enable you to reach every spot on your back. You can apply bleaching cream the same way. Lemon juice is an excellent bleach for your back.

Liquid powder is better than dry powder, for it will not rub off, which is an item to be considered when you are going dancing. However, you can't use it unless there is someone to put it on for you. Nor can you by yourself use a foundation cream under dry powder. However, you can thoroughly and evenly apply dry powder by using a long handled puff. Be generous with it but not so generous that it will rub off on the edges of your dress or, worse yet, on your partner's coat sleeve.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across
1 Always on hand, such a sketch is usually pretty rapid (hyphen).
9 Halo.
10 Made certain—as you will have done in part when this word is written in.
11 Scott character who sounds as though he was ready for an onslaught on the weeds.
12 A war-time worker, now in ease may yet escape, in consequence.
13 And a war-time institution in which ease was sought. There has always been a good deal of humming about this, though.
17 Make a lollipop and let it be part of ten. Make it fresh.
21 Arranged in time.
22 "A ragman" is not a bad one (anag.).
26 This English town maketh a full moon—mentally and physically.
30 Affairs positively.
31 Idle talk.
32 Inauspicious, but certainly not lacking in sense.
33 Describes how the children followed the Pied Piper.
34 This will be put right when you have changed for the evening.

Down

1 Although there is some good fun in it, yet one could laugh at such a story.
2 This will still remain unseen after you have solved it.
3 A famous exponent of language.
4 Pertaining to a great range of mountains, in which a clerical dignitary has a permanent position.
5 Associates of Lords.
6 Shopping centre.
7 An article of ceremonial wear that with very little alteration (if any) is simply hell (hyphen).
8 Observe the cautionary notice in

front of this before you enter it.
13 In connexion with this place Shakespeare has a good deal to say about a couple of 6's opposite numbers.
15 Pale—like a chicken.
16 Strap.
18 One who lingers about an island—or a restaurant.
19 Unlike the average deer, this one is full of spirit.
20 This girl is even short about a hundred.
22 What young Penderennis "comforted his idleness" with.
23 Assent.
24 Feeders of the sea.
25 Usually depicted beneath a 9.
26 To put it on this, one must this—but with a different stress.
27 This court sits periodically about the dimension of an average donkey.
28 It's and their dots assembled to make fools of it.
29 Talked in schoolboy parlance.

Yesterday's Solution.

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GANDHI IN GAOL.

THIRD WEEK'S SOLITARY EXISTENCE.

Poona, Jan. 18. Gandhi is starting his third week in gaol without receiving a single visitor from the outside world.

Prisoners are forbidden to see anybody except near relations, and as Gandhi's wife and many of his relations are also in prison the "Mahatma" leads a solitary existence.

He receives shoals of cables from newspapers all over the world, but government regulations forbid reply.—*Reuters' Special Service.*

A Model Prisoner.

Poona, Jan. 12. Authorities who have been racking their brains as to what to do with Gandhi, have thought out a new plan to-day. They may put their famous prisoner on parole, allowing him to live in temporary seclusion. Whether that will solve the Mahatma's future still remains to be seen.

Meanwhile the object of all this fuss is quite serene and unworried. Attendants in the Yeravada gaol praise Gandhi as one of their most "perfect" prisoners, although they say, he does have his little idiosyncracies. For instance,

BABY'S DEATH.

KILLED BY TWO OTHER CHILDREN.

London, Jan. 18. A message from Cephalonia in Greece states that investigation into the death of a 2-year old child proved the perpetrators to be two 5-year old children.

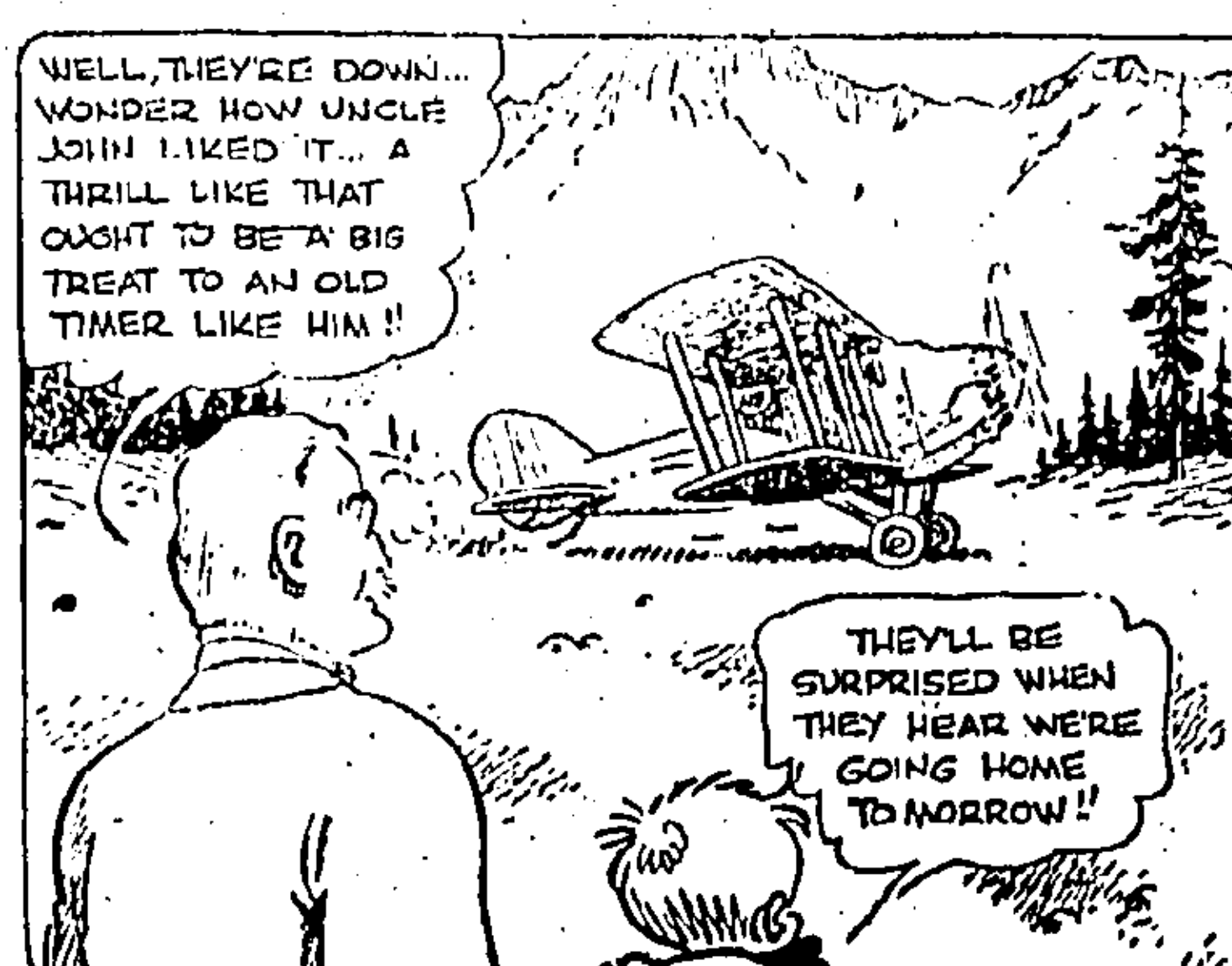
They confessed simply that they had seen their father kill a lamb and imitated him by cutting the baby's throat.—*Reuters' Special Service.*

about his food he is fastidious to a degree, insisting that his goat's milk be produced before his very eyes. For this reason goats have to be brought right into the cell with him. Then too, although he allows himself to be shaved by the prison barber, he was quite bluntly definite about the razor. He said it was terrible and continued to protest against its lack of quality until the authorities went out and bought him a foreign one.

Freedom Offered.

Bombay, Jan. 12. It is announced that Mahatma Gandhi has been offered his freedom conditional upon his willingness to live in retirement for a stated period of time. This has not been officially confirmed.—*Havas.*

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1932.

THE REPARATIONS TANGLE.

It is now quite clear that whether the Lausanne Conference assembles on Monday or not, it cannot hope to deal in any degree of finality with the reparations problem. The probabilities, it seems, are that the moratorium to Germany will be extended for a further six months, and in the interim it is hoped in some quarters that the implications of other issues having some effect on the situation will have become more definite. Whilst there may be some wisdom in such a course, we cannot but feel that there is danger in any policy which amounts to putting off the day of reckoning. Far better would it be for all concerned were the problem squarely faced and dealt with on a basis of co-operative statesmanship. Mere postponements of major issues, which in any event will have to be tackled eventually, can lead nowhere. They may, in fact, complicate the problem and lead to the creation of even bigger problems.

Britain and Italy would appear to realise the hard facts of the situation and to be prepared to treat the issues on sensible lines. Unfortunately, neither France nor the United States seem inclined to make any real concessions to Germany. The former is not disposed to let Germany off from her obligations unless America makes an equivalent renunciation of her dues. The United States has not shown the least disposition to scale down the war debts, much less to cancel them. Yet despite these circumstances, both Britain and Italy are said to be willing to extend the moratorium, whatever France and America may do, even though in the process their burden will be made all the heavier. The whole situation is one which calls for co-ordinated action on the part of the Powers interested, but at the moment there is unfortunately no evidence of unity of thought in regard to the basic principles of a settlement. The motives which actuated President Hoover in bringing forward his moratorium proposal last year have been explained at length by Mr. Stimson within the past few weeks. The main object was to safeguard world economic security. It was stated by Mr. Stimson that Germany's recent history had shown that if she could be steered through the pending crisis, the character of her

population, their technical skill and their industry promised a healthy and successful future. "In her position in the centre of Europe," said the U. S. Secretary of State, "Germany in good health would be a bulwark of great strength against instability and Communism, while if she were allowed to fall, the disaster would not be confined to her, but would certainly involve other nations and would greatly affect the financial system of all the principal nations of the world, including our own." This statement, made in defence of the "debt holiday" scheme, seems to us to apply with equal, if not added, force to the situation as it is today. It is precisely because of this that danger lurks in delay.

The dominant fact of the situation is that Germany cannot pay. There are thus two possibilities—a further moratorium, accompanied by a new "standstill" agreement for commercial debts, or a drastic reconsideration of the whole position of war debts and reparations, and probably of private debts as well. The second is what ought to be done; but that depends on America and France, and neither of them, as we have shown, seems eager to agree to it. So it will probably have to be another moratorium, in order to give the world more time to come to its senses. But it must be realised that moratoria and "standstill" agreements are not only no cure, but actually leave the situation worse than it was when they run out. There is, of course, as one commentator has put it, the third alternative of simple default and repudiation.

English Opera.

Because the English opera season at Covent Garden has not proved a financial success, some critics have repeated the accusation that the British people have no love for opera and are suggesting that the subsidy which the B.B.C. has allotted to the venture might be more profitably used in another direction. This seems to be rather a superficial view. The fate of the English season at Covent Garden is not necessarily the standard by which the popularity of opera in Britain can correctly be judged. Not only that, but it seems doubtful whether English opera was given a fair chance. The season at Covent Garden immediately followed, and had to stand comparison with programmes of opera in Italian and German produced at enormous expense by the world's finest dramatic singers. Opera is not, perhaps, so popular as sport or the cinema, but it is more popular than many critics are prepared to admit. The Old Vic-Sadlers Well Company, for example, has concluded its first year's work of giving continuous operatic performances. Though not all this company's financial problems have been solved, enough has been accomplished to give good grounds for hopefulness. But even if this were not so, the argument for an opera subsidy would be a strong one. One hears no suggestion that the National Gallery should not be subsidized, though the number of persons to be found there does not indicate a great popular demand to look at paintings, except on rainy days. The relatively few persons who have understood or merely enjoyed art have been sufficiently devoted to its cause, however, to establish and extend its influence until the nation has come to regard art as more than a mere exercise of education. It is not at all improbable that the few who take a like interest in opera will be able, with a little encouragement, to pave a way for opera in England as has been done for art.

KOWLOON MOTOR MISHAP.

LITTLE EUROPEAN GIRL INJURED.

A motor mishap occurred in Nathan Road, Kowloon, yesterday, when Margaret Adams, aged 8, was knocked down and injured, by a car driven by a Chinese.

The accident occurred near the Central British School. The child was taken in the car to the Kowloon Hospital, where it was found that she was slightly injured.

DAY BY DAY

OFTEN AFTER BEING PRESENT AT SUMPTUOUS BANQUETS IN THE MIDST OF NEW ACQUAINTANCES, I HAVE GONE TO DINE THE FOLLOWING DAY IN A BACK-SHOP OR A GARRET, IN ORDER TO RETEMPER MYSELF AMONG THE COMPANIONS OF MY POVERTY.—*Heranger.*

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is nearly stationary to the N.E. of Chefoo.

The Central Agency, Ltd., has issued an effective Chinese calendar bearing a pretty study of a Chinese girl.

Mrs. W. T. Southern is to distribute the certificates at the annual speech day at the Bellios Public School at 11 a.m. on the 27th instant.

A young Chinese has been arrested for the alleged theft of property, part of which is identified as having been stolen recently from the Harbour View Hotel.

Mr. J. L. McPherson, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, has been appointed Deputy District Grand Master of English Freemasonry for Hongkong and South China.

An area of about 2,046 square feet of land situated in Wongneichong Road was sold to Mr. Ko Lo-chi, of No. 1, Lyndhurst Terrace, at the sale of Crown Land at the P.W.D. Office yesterday. The price paid was \$10,100, the upset price being \$6,138.

Convicted of being in unlawful possession of a quantity of metal wire, a man named Ip Wan was sentenced to one month's hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Fraser. It was stated that defendant had two previous convictions.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. Denys Warwick Morley, No. 10, Felix Villas, to Miss Frances Winifred Meadows, Kingsclere, Kowloon; Mr. Bertram Sidney Rogers, No. 24, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Violet Irene Spradbury, No. 1, United Terrace, Homantin.

Fines of \$25 each, or three weeks' imprisonment, were imposed by the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, on three boat-people who admitted a charge of having approached to within 30 yards of the S.S. Kaitang at a time prohibited in consequence of her flying the "S" flag and code pennant.

A youth Leung Pui, was charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with being in possession of a bamboo, fitted with a crook at one end, a pair of pliers, a knife and a coil of wire, all of which were fit for an unlawful purpose. Defendant, who was arrested at 5.45 a.m., was sentenced to one month.

The annual speech day of Bellios Public School is to be held in the School Hall on Wednesday, January 27, at 11 a.m. Mrs. Southern is to distribute the certificates. St. Stephen's Girls' College is holding its annual speech day at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the same day. Lady Peel will present the cups and certificates.

A rescue was effected by a seaman of the steam launch Man Leung, yesterday, of a would-be suicide, Yip Wai-lam, described as a widow, who had thrown herself from another launch, the Man Fat, on which she was travelling as a passenger from Hongkong to Shanghai. The woman was later admitted to hospital suffering from the effects of the experience.

Mr. U. Kawaguchi, of the M.B.K., was the complainant at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Fraser in a case in which two men were charged with the larceny of four baskets of coal from the Company's yard at Yau-mat yesterday. The first defendant was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour and the second, who had a previous conviction, to three weeks.

The next general meeting of the Hongkong University Medical Society will be held to-morrow, Wednesday, January 20, at 8.30 p.m. in Room "K" of the University Building. A cinema film by Bayer-Meister-Lucius will be shown, in two parts, describing the Life History of the Anopheles (Malaria), and the pharmacological experiments with Plasmodium. Members and others interested will be welcomed.

An unlicensed steamship hawk was fined \$25, or three weeks' imprisonment by the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, for having failed to stop the boat of which he was in charge when called upon to do so by a police officer. Evidence disclosed that the accused had abandoned his boat on reaching the steps at West Point. Comdr. Hole remarked that it was obvious that he was employed in something illicit.

Hongkong estate worth \$920,000, with real property at Home Valley at \$7,032 10s. 9d., was left by the late Janet Burnie, widow, who died at Holbeck, Braywick Road, Maidenhead, Berks, England, on July 10, 1931. Re-issuing of certified copy of probate of will has been granted to Mr. C. B. Brown, who is attorney for the executors, Mr. E. A. Burnie, solicitor, of London, son, and Mr. E. J. Lewis, of Worthing, Sussex, son-in-law. Bequests are of a family nature.

Are Christians the Best People?

By The Bishop of Norwich, K.C.V.O.

"The best people I know are not Christians."

THIS is a quotation from—some man in the street! The line along which a rejoinder to the statement can be found probably lies in the reply of the little boy who, when he was asked, "Is your father a Christian?" answered, "Oh, yes, but he doesn't practise much."

But, to speak more seriously, without a knowledge of the company which the speaker keeps, and of the number and style of Christians and non-Christians whom he has met, plainly we cannot be sure whether he is right or wrong so far as his own experience goes.

The remark may be made by one who is uneasy about his own ways. He tries to belittle the Christian standards which, he knows, condemn them. But often it is merely shallow and thoughtless. It gives too much weight to a superficial bonhomie.

Tests of Character.

Of course, the spirit and manner of good-fellowship are very delightful. But there may be nothing much more than manner; and when we speak of "the best people" we have to consider deeper realities. For in "the best people" there is much that does not strike the eye. We have not open to our view that self-discipline and clear purity of thought and life which, being much more difficult to achieve, are for that reason more severe tests of character than the outward pleasantness and easy generosity which are applauded. And whenever we see non-Christians doing and saying kindly things, and helping their neighbours, we are bound to remember how much they owe to the example and indirect influences of the out-and-out Christian through the ages. It was the Christians who first introduced all that is noblest in our own civilisation; their personalities have sweetened the intercourse of the world in public and private.

It is obviously unfortunate that a Christian should not have a welcoming friendly bearing. But there are Christian people with a bad manner who all the time may be quietly doing good things of which few are aware, and may be the very persons to whom we would rightly turn in a time of trouble. Then mere manner does not help. When you have to look below the surface you will sometimes find that the Christian who seemed unattractive is, after all, the best for helping a lame dog over a stile.

Fault-Finders.

It is impossible to deny that hideous acts have been carried out in the name of religion. Some Christians have done ghastly things—to promote the Christian faith? Nearer home we find many Christians, so-called, who offer occasion for the remark printed above. Some of these are sour in their looks and speech, censorious in their judgments, acid in their general attitude. Such "Christians" never make allowances; they are constantly finding fault. They have no spark of generosity in them and attack everyone who does not conform to their own narrow shibboleths and

estimates. They do not see nor try to encourage the good in any but the elected few who are like-minded with themselves. They are proud of their consistency and their principles.

When we have such persons full in view we discover the fallacy that underlies this disparagement of Christians. These disagreeable Christians are disagreeable not because they are Christians, but because they are as a matter of fact exactly failing as Christians. It is only fair to judge a Christian as you would judge an animal or a flower. No one wishing to say which of two flowers was the more beautiful would pick the worst specimens of either kind. When we are describing a breed of horses we look at the best examples of the breed. It is in them that the excellence of the breed is revealed.

"C. of E." Fiction.

In this way Christianity must be judged by its best and not its worst specimens. We ought to think of those whose Christian creed definitely colours their lives. Christianity is primarily a life and not a creed, and the creed it holds is not a set of phrases or a mere intellectual position, but a personal confiding belief in its Founder. To suppose, then, that a set form of words, however Christian, which a man recites as expressing his religious belief, always makes him a fair representative of genuine Christianity is quite a mistake. He may, for example, in his heart really be believing in money-making as the best guide to a happy life. That may be his inward and unchristian creed, even when he says something quite different if he ever finds himself in church.

What a number of people there are who on paper casually sign themselves as "C. of E.", although they know nothing of the true teaching of the Church of England. Their "C. of E." religion is only a fiction, not any more sincere than the adhesion of a good woman who, offended by her Free Church friends, exclaimed, "I'll give up religion and join the Church of England!"

Emerson wrote that a man's life is the picture book of his (real) creed. And the genuine Christian's life is a gradually painted copy from the gracious picture of the life of Him who long ago laid the stress on action, not on forms, and is now ready to help the humble painter.

But, we know it, good people are not found only among the acknowledged Christians. And indeed and actually Christian spirit is exhibited by many who, from diffidence or honest doubt, or other reasons, hesitate to declare themselves, and yet hold on to Christian and not merely philanthropic ideals, and work them out. These we greet at the halfway house and hope one day they will come along all the way. Many bad starters have got home first. Certainly it adds an immense responsibility to the whole business of the "practising Christian" to remember that unquestionably the non-Christian does judge of the present power of the Christians' Master from the behaviour of "all who profess and call themselves Christians"—especially when he sees them off their guard.



"My dear, Europe is simply ruined for the tourist. Nearly all the movies are in foreign languages!"

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Reparations Problem.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—All this futile wrangling on the reparations and war debt question sets one wondering how things would have gone had some settlement been reached at the end of the War whereby the world started off again free of all international indebtedness. After all, it was more or less a matter of luck that the allies won, so we all might have considered ourselves fortunate in getting out of it without future obligations on either side.

Germany has managed to get along so far in spite of the heavy outside drain upon her resources, so there would have been little doubt about everybody's speedy recovery with an absence of external parasite demands. Good feeling and co-operation would have been promoted by the consideration shown by the victors, the disarmament question would have been settled years ago and we certainly should have had no currency crisis.

What the world have to realise now is that this war debt question has just got to be settled if we believe further existence on this planet worthwhile, and the only way out is undoubtedly cancellation. Even then England would still have the huge burden of her internal debt that is crippling her industries and driving abroad her capital, but the whole problem could be solved right now by an all-round capital levy. The majority of people throw up their hands in horror at the mere suggestion of such violation of property rights, but, after all, there are millions of people in every country today who possess more wealth than they know what to do with. Life itself was conscripted in national interests during the War, and the world is now confronted with a greater problem than any war—the biggest economic deadlock of its history, a deadlock from which even the wealthiest will emerge destitute and broken if some remedy is not soon applied.

Yours, etc., X.

FRENCH TREATY WITH RUSSIA.

TWO YEARS' PACT.

Paris, Dec. 26. Details of the Treaty of non-aggression, valid for two years, which France signed with Russia on Aug. 24 last, were published this morning.

The Treaty declares that the parties promise not to engage in any act of aggression one towards the other, and not to have recourse to war.

If a third party commit an act of aggression against one of the contracting parties the other party will remain neutral.

No agreement with other Powers shall be concluded by either party which shall involve refusal to buy or sell goods belonging to the other party. Neither of the parties shall refuse to sell or to buy from the other.

Each of the parties undertakes not to engage in propaganda and to refrain from any intervention in the internal affairs of the other.

An annex to the Treaty declares that France will consider as an aggressor any State which refuses to settle a dispute by any means mentioned in the Kellogg Pact, or which persists in the occupation of foreign territory after being asked whether it is disposed to evacuate that territory.

The Soviet Government will define a case of aggression according to the same method.—*Reuter*

MUSSOLINI'S BROTHER DEAD.

PROMINENT ITALIAN JOURNALIST.

Rome, Dec. 21. Signor Arnaldo Mussolini, brother of the Duce, died suddenly of heart failure at Milan to-day, at half-past one.

Only yesterday he was taking part in public ceremonies, in course of which he delivered more than one speech with all his usual vigour. He was 46 years old—two years younger than his distinguished brother. After seeing some relatives off at Milan railway station to-day he was stricken unconscious with a heart attack and died in a clinic some 30 minutes later.

Arnaldo Mussolini succeeded his brother as editor of the *Popolo d'Italia*, the Fascist newspaper founded by the Duce, when the latter took over the reins of Government after the march on Rome. The body was carried to the offices of the *Popolo*, and the editor's room, whence the principles of Fascism have been converted into a *chambre ardente*, the national colours and the banner of the original Milan fascio being draped over the bier.

THE 'NEW RICH' IN RUSSIA.

HIGH SALARIED WORKMEN.

Riga, Dec. 22. A series of changes now taking place in Soviet Russia can in their totality be interpreted as the beginning of a new stage in the development of the Russian Revolution. The first symptom was the piece-work system introduced instead of the socialistic payment equal for all. The introduction of this principle divided the masses of workmen into higher and lower classes, that is into richer and poorer workmen, who now have a tendency to develop into new bourgeois and new proletarians.

The next step was the six-day working week with a general holiday for everybody on the sixth day, introduced about a month ago. This new six-day week replaced the uninterrupted five-day week, when every day one-fifth of the workmen were on leave. There is no doubt now that the workmen themselves concurred in the abolition of the five-day week, wishing to have a common holiday together with all their relatives and friends.

As a result the Soviet factories are now working only 300 days a year instead of 360, and although this threatens the fulfilment of the five-year plan, it nevertheless proved imperative to comply with the demands of the workmen.

I recently reported the rise in religious feeling among the population in Soviet Russia, and the ever increasing necessity to satisfy their spiritual needs. In this question also the Soviet Government had to give up. This year's anti-religious campaign is being carried through only to such extent as not to give the old Communists reason to assert that it has been done away with altogether.

Commercial Shops. The so-called "commercial shops" become more and more numerous in Soviet Russia. In these State shops foodstuffs, cloth, footwear, and so on, are being sold without regard to anybody who is in a position to pay for the goods, but the prices at which the goods are sold in these shops are decidedly higher than those of the co-operatives.

Even commercial restaurants and refreshment rooms at the railway stations have been organised by the Soviets.

The ability to purchase at "commercial shops" confers great privileges on those in possession of money, so that, contrary to the socialistic principles, life for the richer has become easier than for the poorer, who are obliged to be satisfied with what the co-operatives give them.

All these innovations have influenced the psychology of the Soviet citizen, not in the direction of "proletarianism," as desired by the Kremlin, but, on the contrary, towards a bourgeois outlook.

This new psychology has begun to impair the unity of the Communist Party. Without stating the causes, the Soviet papers, and especially the Soviet radio, more and more frequently refer to the opposition tendencies in the Communist Party.

All the failures as regards the fulfilment of the five year plan, all the abuses in the distribution of foodstuffs, cards, bribery, and so on, are put at the door of the new opposition party.

The leaders of the Communist Party are no longer in a position to conceal from the masses the general strain of the relations between the European countries and the Soviets, as well as the blow dealt to the prestige of the Soviets in Asia by the occupation of Manchuria by the Japanese. The masses react against all these failures of the Government by supporting more and more the opposition tendencies.

SIGHT AFTER 27 YEARS' BLINDNESS.

SURGEON'S SUCCESSFUL WORK.

A remarkable recovery of sight by a woman after 27 years, following an operation by Mr. Norman Fleming, ophthalmic surgeon to the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, is recorded in the current number of the British Medical Journal.

The patient was a woman of 35 who, since the age of eight had been able to distinguish only between light and dark.

Before the operation the patient was a telephone operator, and although able to perform her duties satisfactorily, her health was poor.

"She has now a good complexion," records Mr. Fleming, "has energy and interest in life; and the natural pleasure of being able to choose her own clothes and attend to her own personal appearance has transformed her mental outlook."

"She has learned to write, has become a shorthand typist, and hopes before long to leave her switchboard for another post to which she looks forward with much interest."

DEATH TO TEST A THEORY.

"PHILOSOPHY" OF MAN SHOT IN TRAIN.

Yeovil, Dec. 21. A remarkable letter dealing with conditions after death was read at the inquest at Yeovil to-night on the man who was found shot dead in a first-class carriage of the Weymouth-Paddington boat train.

What was described as an "electric home-made gun" was found beside the body.

The mystery of the man's identity, however, was not cleared up, and a verdict was returned that an unknown committed suicide while of unsound mind.

Gremation Wish.

The letter, which was read by the coroner (Mr. C. Leslie Rutter), was:

"As before life, so after life. A return to the negative conditions of pre-life has become desirable. Therefore I will commit suicide."

"I am an atheist. Therefore I desire no service. My body is fundamentally a mass of cells. Because it is so, respect towards it is misplaced. I desire that my remains shall be cremated and the ashes mingled with those of the furnace."

"In other words, I do not wish it to be disposed of in a manner which records that universal folly, 'corpse worship.'—I am, Sir, yours sincerely,

"FRANK W. BENTON."

No fixed address. Another document—also written in script on both sides of 40 sheets of note paper—which the coroner described as "a reasoned philosophy" was produced, but was not read.

"Part of it," said the coroner, "deals with suicide and death by bullet and bomb. The gist of the man's philosophy is that when one dies everything is entirely finished."

The coroner said he would not authorise the cremation of the remains until they had been identified.

Dr. C. A. Palmer, who examined the body, described the letter as the work of an exceedingly able and clever man who had an obsession.

"In my view," he said, "this matter of suicide had become an obsession and he took his life to justify this obsession."

FRENCH BANK'S LOSS.

GOVERNMENT PLAN REJECTED.

Paris, Dec. 21. The French Government's project to reimburse the Bank of France for losses incurred through maintaining large holdings of sterling in London was rejected by the Finance Committee of the Senate this evening.

General surprise has been caused. The Committee demands certain amendments.

M. Flaudin, Minister of Finance, is conferring with the Committee in an attempt to reach agreement to enable the project to be passed before the Bank issues its balance-sheet.

When the project was before the Chamber of Deputies, M. Flaudin stated that the Bank's holdings of sterling amounted to the equivalent of £32,000,000 and that a loss of £20,000,000 had been incurred. It was previously stated that the Bank of France refrained from realising its sterling holdings at the first sign of the "economic blizzard," because the French Government urged the Bank to take a moderate course to avoid embarrassing the British Government.

BIG ECONOMIES IN THE ESTIMATES.

9,000,000 ON THE SERVICES.

Nearly £9,000,000, it is hoped, will be saved next year on the three Fighting Services.

The Admiralty are making administrative and other changes in order to reduce their estimates, based on this year's figure, by £3,942,000. The Army Council, by the adoption of emergency measures, hopes to save approximately £3,693,000, and the Air Force contemplate spending £254,000 less.

With regard to the Army, considerable saving will be effected by confining the training of Regular units next year to War Department land near their quarters and abandoning the annual training of the Territorial Army.

It is calculated that the 15 days' camp of the 14 Divisions of the Territorial Army costs about £1,000,000. By abandoning the camps for the senior and junior Divisions of the Officers Training Corps a saving of about £20,000 to the Treasury will be made.

SPEED-BOAT HUSTLE.

TO BE BUILT ON THE THAMES.

Sir John Thornycroft, the famous builder of fast naval boats, has undertaken to supervise the researches which will decide the hull and transmission constructions of Miss England III.

This is the new 5000 horse power challenger for the British International Trophy races to be run at Detroit, United States, next September.

With their staffs Sir John Thornycroft and Sir Henry Royce (the designer of the fastest speed engine in the world—the Rolls Schneider aero-unit) are co-operating in an endeavour to build a boat with a maximum speed of 160 miles an hour.

130 M.P.H. Guaranteed.

The boat, it is officially announced will be built at Thornycroft's Hampton (Thames) yard.

The contract signed by Lord Wakefield—who is financing the scheme—and Sir John Thornycroft, fixes the time limit for launching as the end of the first week in April.

There is a guaranteed average speed of 130 miles an hour. Unofficial trials of the boat will take place on the Thames at the end of April.

Sir John Thornycroft has for weeks been testing models of hulls in the water tanks at Hampton. He recently placed before Lord Wakefield, at private conferences, a model as the basis of further experiments at Hampton and the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington.

£5,000 on Models.

A sum of £5,000 will be spent on models alone.

The model submitted to Lord Wakefield is entirely different from the hull of Miss England II. It is almost flatbottomed from stem to stern, and is much shorter and much narrower in the beam.

Experiments demonstrate that a hull of this shape will bank like an aeroplane at a high speed, and will not overturn.

Two celebrated high-speed boat owners have talked privately of boats to challenge Miss England III, but there is no evidence yet of more than talk. The main difficulty is to obtain the power unit comparable in power with the Rolls Schneider aero type.

THIRD RAID ON EX-MINISTER'S HOME.

SENSELESS OUTRAGES IN GARDEN.

London, Dec. 22.

For the third time since October unknown people have committed a mysterious and senseless outrage at Wallington Hall, Cambo, the Northumberland home of Sir Charles Trevelyan, a former Minister for Education, and ex-Labour M.P. for Newcastle Central.

The work of the spoilers has been as follows:

Yesterday.—Four stone gargoyles in the grounds, an old sundial, and the south door tarred and feathered.

Dec. 16.—Stone "Griffin" statues on the lawn and the front door tarred and feathered.

Oct. 28.—Lord Lieutenant's flag stolen; front door of the Hall tied with rope from the flagstaff; stone statues knocked off pedestals; stone thrown through gardener's cottage window. The flag was returned by post.

Police yesterday called at the Hall and had a consultation on the outrages. The absence of clues leaves them with a baffling problem. The perpetrators appear to be well acquainted with the lay-out of the garden, and must have acted warily, for since the second outrage a watch has been kept.

THREE WOMEN STEAL 70 ARTICLES.

LOOTING A WEST-END STORE.

Three Dover women who were charged at Marylebone with shoplifting at a West-End store, were said by a solicitor to have "apparently come to London on a looting expedition."

He said that they stole from 22 departments 70 articles of a total value of £9 5s. 4d. The goods included:

Handbags	Button-hook sets
Stockings	Needle cases
Parasols	Bottles of perfume
Gloves	Diaries
Frills	Necklaces
Scissors sets	Pen-knives
Cigarette lighter Razors	
Fencibles	Cigarette lighter Razors
Silver thimbles	Fountain pen
Boat-polishing sets	Dental cream
Walloets	

The women, Nora Dolberg (51), Norman-street, Ada Kidd (49), Wood-street and Annie Laverty (30), Norman-street, were fined £8 with £2 2s. costs, or 26 days' imprisonment.

RADIO BROADCAST

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 865 metres.

5.00-5.30 p.m. European Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records.

5.00-5.18 p.m. Orchestral.

Trauma (Wagner). Russian and Ludmilla (Glinka). The Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Frederick Stock. 7123.

When Day Is Done (Katscher). Soliloquy (Bloom). Paul Whiteman and His Orch. 35828. 5.18-5.30 p.m.

A Selection of Song Hits sung by Maurice Chevalier. "You've Got That Thing" from "Fifty Million Frenchmen."

"Paris Stay The Same" from "The Love Parade." 22204. "You Brought A New Kind Of Love To Me" from "The Big Pond."

"Livin' In The Sunlight Lovin' In The Moonlight" from "The Big Pond." 22405.

5.30-7.00 p.m.

A Relay of "Annabelle's Affairs" from the King's Theatre by Courtesy of the Management.

7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.

7.05-8.00 p.m. Instrumental. Violin Solo-Zapateado (Sarasate). Violin Solo-Hebrew Melody (Achron). Jascha Heifetz. 6096.

Piano Solo-Variations in C Minor (Beethoven). Sergei Rachmaninoff. 6544.

Cello Solo-Song Without Words in D (Mendelssohn). (a) Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak) (b) Flight Of The Bumble Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov). Pablo Casals. 7193.

Piano Solo-One Lives but Once (Strauss-Tausig). Sergei Rachmaninoff. 6636.

Guitar Solo-Tremolo Study (Tarrega). Guitar Solo-Pandanguillo (Turina). Andres Segovia. 6767.

Piano Solo-A la Bien Aimee. Piano Solo-Waltz in E Flat (Durand). Harold Bauer. 6508.

Violin Solo-Song of the Volga Boatmen-Paraphrase (Arr. Kreisler). Violin Solo-Negro Spiritual Melody (Arr. Kreisler). Fritz Kreisler. 1122.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.05-11.30 p.m. Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

10.30 p.m. (Approx.) Rugby Mid-Day Press News.

11.30 p.m. (Approx.) Close Down.

All records in the above European recorded programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Moutrie and Co.

CAR MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED.

SUSPECT'S STORY TO THE POLICE.

ALLEGED CONFESSION.

Paris, Dec. 20. The wrecked car murder mystery, in which the victim was Mr. Richard Clifton Wall, an American, was unexpectedly solved yesterday.

A full confession of the crime was obtained by Paris detectives from a young Frenchman named Guy Davin, a friend of the dead man.

Mr. Wall's clothes, partially burnt, were found along the roadside between Poissy and Tril, suburbs of Paris in the St. Germaine region.

Police inquiries among Mr. Wall's friends disclosed that on Wednesday, the day of the crime, he lunched with two men, one being Davin, a 24-year-old son of a garage-keeper of Neuilly.

Remarkable Story. When questioned, Davin broke down, and told a remarkable story.

"Mr. Wall asked me on Wednesday morning to cash a cheque for 300 dollars (\$20 at par) for him at the bank." He is reported to have said: "When I did so I obtained 7,600 francs, and the idea of killing him to get this money for myself came into my mind as I left the bank."

"I drove in Mr. Wall's car, which he had lent me, to a gunsmith's and bought a revolver with which I practised shooting in the Bois Vincennes before reaching Mr. Wall. I gave him 7,000 francs, keeping the remaining 600, and it was determined to get the rest, even if murder should result."

"Mr. Wall proposed a motor-car ride in the evening. As we drove through St. Cucufa Wood, near St. Germaine, I fired three times at my companion, and he was killed."

Set Clothes on Fire.

"At Mantes, a few miles further on, I bought a pair of scissors and cut off Mr. Wall's clothing, leaving the body on the seat. I bought two cans of petrol at Tril, and at a quiet spot on the road set fire to his clothes."

five hours' interrogation by a magistrate yesterday. Mr. Wall's body, for which a diver was searching all day yesterday, has not been recovered and to-day the search was abandoned.

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"At Tril Bridge I dropped the body into the river, drove home and, telling my wife that someone had stolen my coat, gave her 4,000 francs and went to bed. Davin went hysterically while making this confession during a

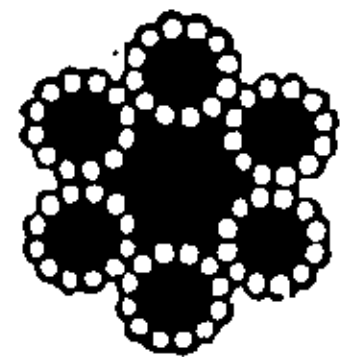
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LOCAL YACHTING.

INTERESTING FIXTURES YESTERDAY.

Sailing events at the R. H. K. Yacht Club yesterday included the seventh ladies' championship and a race for Service boats.

	Finished	Corrected	Pos'n	Total
Rolla	4:24.58	4:29.18	Mrs. Sheldon	57
Stakin	4:29.55	4:45.10	1	61
Platan	4:29.41	4:25.31	Mrs. Macklin	62
Dorothea	4:27.16	4:18.38	Mrs. Blingham	63
Colleen	4:27.52	4:19.14	2	62
I. Y. and G. Class, Started at 2.30 p.m.				
Daphne	4:18.70	4:18.70	Mrs. Laerensen	64
Alton	4:12.14	4:12.14	Mrs. Stokes	65
Why Wonder?	4:16.30	4:16.53	7	64
Bluejay	4:11.31	4:10.54	2	60
Harlem	4:10.20	4:10.47	Mrs. Adams	62
Speedwell	4:12.15	4:11.36	Mrs. Pickering	62
Wendy	4:12.10	4:12.35	Mrs. Stewart	62
Frank	4:11.20	4:10.47	Mrs. Patchett	61
			Mrs. Miller	71

THE ROUSE CUP.

An Enjoyable Race For
Service Boats.

Service boats raced for the Rouse Cup, the course being:

Channel Rocks (S), Mark on Line (S), Kowloon Rocks (S), Channel Rocks (S); a distance of 7.4 miles.

The result was as follows:

Boats	Position	Points
Brace's L. Whaler	1	40
Hermes Gully	2	37
Mokey's 1st Whaler	3	34
Cumberland's Cutter	4	31
Brace's K. Whaler	5	28
Cumberland's Gig	6	25
Verity's Whaler	7	22
Cumberland's 2nd Whaler	8	19
Hermes Cutter	9	16
Cumberland's 1st Whaler	10	13
Medway's 2nd Whaler	11	10
Herald's Whaler	12	7
Wishart's Whaler	13	4
Marathon's Whaler	D.N.P.	

FANLING RACES.

ENTRIES FOR THE MID- WINTER MEETING.

The following are the entries and handicaps for the Mid-winter meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwantung this Sunday, January 24, at 2.15 p.m.

1. The Handicap Plate.—A Steeplechase of 1½ Miles. For Australian Ponies. Weight for Inches as per Scale. Winners of a Steeplechase 7 lbs. penalty. Grifflins of 1932 allowed 5 lbs.—Caulfield, Fritz, Seaton Picket, St. Moritz, The Bustard, Thunderclap.
2. The Rempton Cup.—Second Division.—A Handicap Steeplechase of 1½ Miles. For China Ponies.—Duke of Brittany, 170 lbs.; Duke of Milan, 170; Movannagher, 170; As You Like It, 160; Fanling Stag, 150; White Heather, 150.
3. The Rempton Cup.—First Division.—A Handicap Steeplechase of 1½ Miles. For China Ponies.—Montana, 170 lbs.; Christmas Belle, 168; Over-the-hill, 165; Bronze Eyes, 160; Donnabella, 160; Duke of Chantilly, 150; Marquis Hall, 150; Piccadilly, 150; Target, 150; The Partridge, 150.
4. The "Shires" Cup (Unofficial).—Boukka, Bronze Eyes, Country Club, Demurrer, Donnabella, Diana, Duke of Milan, Dunce, Fanling Stag, Fernleaf, Gamester, Grey Mouse, Helty, Loch Sloy, Montan, Patch, Piccadilly, Purity, Tarborg, Target, The Wind, Winter's Eve.
5. The Sandown Stakes.—A Hurdle Race of 1½ Miles. For China Ponies. Subscription Grifflins of this Club. Weight for Inches as per Scale. Winners 10 lbs. penalty.—Anson, Black Maria, Cutex, Ed, Flywheel, Herga, Loch Ryan, Melrose, Mouché, Over-the-hill, Rubellan.
6. The Gwiltwick Handicap.—A Hurdle Race of 1½ Miles. For China Ponies.—Britannic Hall, Christmas Belle, Donnabella, Montana, Mongolian Stag, Over-the-hill, Partridge, Patch, Piccadilly, Target, Tom, White Heather, Wonderful Stag, Young Pretender.

ARGYLLS' GYMKHANA.

INTERESTING EVENTS ON SATURDAY.

By kind permission of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club the Officers of the 93rd Highlanders were "At Home" to a large circle of friends at Kwantung racecourse last Saturday afternoon.

Many Officers of H. M. Regular Forces, members of the Hongkong Volunteers, the Fanling Hunt and Race Club and the Hongkong Polo Club, and their ladies competed in the various events and a most enterprising afternoon's sport was witnessed by the many visitors who were present.

Lieut. J. C. Church was in great form and won two events outright besides running second in another. Colonel G. T. Raikes, the officer Commanding the South Wales Borderers, won the Handy Hunter event by a big margin of points and he received hearty applause when it was announced that he had won the competition.

Lieut. "Geoff" Bramwell, our most popular cross country rider, gained an excellent victory in the musical chairs which was the most strenuously contested item on the programme. Captain H. M. Oliver put up a wonderful resistance. He introduced the final points of this exhilarating pastime and was successful in accomplishing several spectacular dives from the back of his pony to the chair, but it was of no avail, as, in the end, Lieut. Bramwell wore his elongated adversary down and won the match.

The Tent-Pegging contest was quite an interesting event and although Betty Fair, Pam Scott-Harston and "Johnnie" Heard are regarded as the most strenuously contested item on the programme, Captain H. M. Oliver put up a wonderful resistance. He introduced the final points of this exhilarating pastime and was successful in accomplishing several spectacular dives from the back of his pony to the chair, but it was of no avail, as, in the end, Lieut. Bramwell wore his elongated adversary down and won the match.

The Lady-Wears-Trousers competition was extraordinarily funny and male onlookers were absolutely intrigued by the manner in which some of our fairest damsels handled the job of donning these unaccustomed garments. Miss Schroter won this contest with Miss Pam Scott-Harston a very good second. Betty Fair was first past the post, but she arrived minus her brace button and was disqualified.

During the tea interval the combined Pipers and Band of the 93rd Highlanders contributed to the success of the meeting by playing the following: Retreat Programme:

1. Retreat Call, Bagles.
 2. Drummers Call, Drums.
 3. Retreat March, "Lochside."
 4. Quick March, "The Thin Red Line," Band.
 5. Bugle Flourish, Fanfare of Trumpets.
 6. Slow March, "Land O' The Trees," Combined Bands.
 7. March, "McPherson's Lament," Strathspey, "Marquis O' Huntley," Reel, "Lord James Murray Reel," Pipes.
 8. Poetic March, "The Vanished Army," Band.
 9. Slow March, "The Green Hills of Tyrol," Pipes.
 10. Quick March, "Road to the Isles," Combined Band.
 11. Regimental March, "Hieland Laddie," Combined Band.
- Results.
- Bending Race.—1, Lt. J. C. Church; 2, Major D. H. S. Somerville M. C. Ball and Bucket.—1, Lt. J. C. Church; 2, Lt. G. S. B. Bramwell.
- Handy Hunter.—1, Colonel Raikes; 2, Lt. J. C. Church.
- Musical Chairs.—1, Lt. G. S. B. Bramwell; 2, Capt. H. M. Oliver.
- Tent Pitching.—1, Royal Artillery; 2, Capt. H. M. Oliver, Captain J. H. Vaisey, and Lt. H. C. Gould.
- The Lady-wears-the-Trousers Competition.—1, Miss Schroter; 2, Miss "Fanny" Scott-Harston.
- Mule Wrestling.—1, Headquarter Company; 2, "D" Company.

7. The Ascot Handicap.—A Flat Race of 1 Mile. For China Ponies classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club in "D1" and "D2" Classes. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time.
- Arctic Eye, Bay of Bellingham II, Bright Eyes, Bronze Eyes, Celerity, Country Club, Duke of Normandy II, Heliotrope Leaf, Movannagher, Oairis, Silver Key, Sunning, Sunny Day, Tom Thumb.

LONG AERIAL TOUR.

ENGLISHWOMAN'S RETURN TO LONDON.

London, Jan. 18.
An Englishwoman's holiday tour by air of 23,000 miles, during which friends in many parts of Africa, including the Cape, were visited, was concluded by the return during the week-end, to Stag Lane Aerodrome, of Mrs. Westra, a sister-in-law of Sir Abe Bailey.

She was piloted by Captain Mackintosh, and used an ordinary Puss Moth machine with a Gipsy Three engine.

Despite the long tour, and ninety landings and take offs, not a single replacement and no repairs have been necessary, and the machine was using the same spark plugs that were fitted at the beginning of the journey.—British Wireless.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penfrenth and Co.

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New York Terminals.

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September 1/19 up no change.
December 1/25 up 1 pt.

SIM SHIELD HOCKEY.

CLUB AND ARMY TO PLAY TO-MORROW.

The return match in the Sim Hockey shield competition between the Hongkong Hockey Club and the Army will be played on the U.S.C. ground to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

The Club will be represented by the following players: C. L. Gregory; W. Woodward, J. Rodgers; W. A. Reed, A. Dand, E. V. Reed; H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. G. Francis, D. B. Evans, and J. L. Teller.

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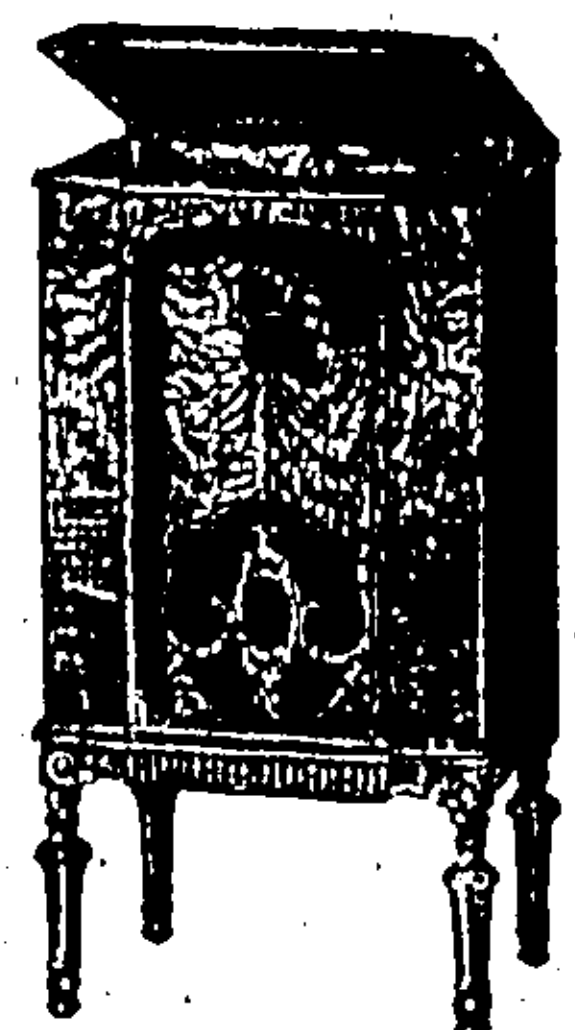
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WORLD DEPRESSION.

MILITARY TALKS VIEWS ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

Unemployment is the greatest problem which confronts world economists and the governments of the world today, and the millions of unemployed are here and there in Europe and America today there are over 60,000,000 human beings, who are able and willing to work, but who are not able to find employment.

This accounts for the dislocation of trade and commerce, the crash of the banks, and the depression and economic crisis which is disturbing the world.

It is a problem which affects the whole world, and is increasing in intensity, and, therefore, we must think and work internationally for its solution. This is a world-wide economic, industrial, financial, social and political crisis, which the world is facing, needs solution, and that quickly.

England and the United States of America are reputed to be the wealthiest countries in the world today, but, owing to trade depression, the unemployed in those two countries are numbered in millions.

If a remedy is not discovered, and discovered quickly, it is painful to contemplate what is going to happen in Europe and the United States, and the world, particularly when they have the terrors of Bolshevik Russia with its Five Years' Plan hovering over their heads like Damocles' sword. I have given much time and thought to the seriousness of this world-wide economic, industrial, financial, social and political crisis, which may help towards the solution of a problem, which is of such vital concern to the nations of the world.

Expenditure on Armaments.

We must stop the appalling waste of public money for which the governments of the world are responsible. Millions are being spent daily by the leading nations of the world on battle ships and armaments, and the training, feeding, clothing, and arming of millions of men for the destruction of civilization and the extinction of the human race in the next Great War, which God forbid, is the way to which must be stopped at all costs.

The vast expenditure of millions on battle ships and armaments, and the preparation of men for cannon fodder is cruel and wasteful, and a sheer waste of public money.

The governments of the world are now at their wits end in their endeavours to meet the demands of unemployment, and in the United States of America, it has been proposed that all millions should contribute monthly towards the feeding and support of the vast army of unemployed.

Such voluntary contributions will not solve the problems of unemployment and trade depression. It can only result in temporary relief, and will be a waste of public money. Now that we have the League of Nations, and other peace and disarmament leagues, the training of millions of the youth and manhood of the world, in readiness to be slaughtered like so many cattle, should cease.

Why should youth and manhood be sent to war, and ruthlessly slaughtered and sacrificed on the altar of a false and misguided patriotism? The world has had its baptism of war, and has experienced its lesson of the utter futility of war. It is therefore, mainly responsible for the world's travail. According to figures published by the League of Nations, the total amount of military, naval and air force expenditures for the year 1928, was not less than five billion dollars—\$5,000,000,000 (Gold).

The Writing on the Wall.

To this huge and appalling amount must be added the additional expenditures of the three years 1929, 1930 and 1931. This means the staggering daily expenditure of at least \$15,000,000 (Gold)! It is no wonder that the world is bankrupt.

Instead of being used for useful productive purposes and the happiness and welfare of the people, all these precious millions go to fill the maw of the insatiable Moloch of War. On December 6, 1930, the *Illustrated London News* published a series of comparative figures having to do with the present day armaments of the leading nations of Europe. The following are some of the figures:

	Russia	France	Italy	Great Britain	Germany
Army	1,200,000	650,000	638,000	155,000	100,000
Aeroplanes	1,400	4,667	1,150	1,547	none
Tanks	250	2,500	250	350	none
Heavy guns	600	1,172	650	400	22
Light guns	2,400	1,452	1,200	1,700	288
Machine guns	22,000	37,000	4,300	13,000	1,926

These significant figures speak for themselves, and provide food for serious thought and reflection. It is the writing on the wall.

The vast burden of international armaments is a curse, and clogs world progress.

Excessive armaments do not assure world security, but are a menace to it. Consequently, the League of Nations should adopt drastic measures for the reduction of armaments. Governments should openly and frankly co-operate, and it should now be the duty of the League of Nations to devise ways and means for pooling all existing armies and navies, each nation only being permitted to retain its approved quota of ships, and troops for international policing purposes; and all superfluous battleships, cruisers, submarines, aeroplanes, tanks, etc., should be scrapped, and all unnecessary troops disbanded.

This would mean the saving of at least \$15,000,000 (Gold) per day, and the education, health, comfort, happiness and contentment of the people. The expenses for the upkeep of this inter-

A NEW TURN.

OFFICIALS PAY VISIT TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Nanking, Jan. 18.

The political situation took a new turn today, when Messrs. Sun Fo, Wu Tieh-chen, and Ho Ying-ching proceeded to Hangchow by air, accompanied by three secretaries, in order to confer with Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei.

The party travelled in Chiang Kai-shek's private plane, the mission being made with the knowledge and approval of Chiang Kai-shek.

It is believed here that there are good chances of Wang Ching-wei and Chiang Kai-shek coming to Nanking, but all doubts on this matter will be removed once Hu Han-min comes to the capital from Hangchow. *Reuter.*

Outlook Improved.

Nanking, Jan. 18.

General Chen Ming-shu and Messrs. Wu Tieh-chen, Yeh Chong-sang, and Chen Kuo-fu, members of the Chiang Kai-shek coming to Nanking, returned to Nanking yesterday morning. This is taken to signify the imminent restoration to power of Chiang Kai-shek. General Chen Ming-shu interviewed the President of the National Government Council, Mr. Lin Sun and Mr. Sun Fo, the "Premier." General Chen has made the important statement that the conference between Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei has been most satisfactory. Both leaders have expressed their willingness to return to administer the Government.

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

MR. CHAN LIM-PAK CHOSEN AS 1932 CHAIRMAN.

Twenty-four prominent Chinese merchants who were recently elected by the local Chinese business associations to serve on the Board of Directors for 1932 of the Tung Wah Hospital assembled yesterday for the election of a Chairman. Their choice fell on Mr. Chan Lim-pak, who was formerly the Chairman of the Canton Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Chan Lim-pak was formerly the Chairman of the Kwangtung Finance Relief Committee, Chairman of the School of Agriculture in the Lingnan University, and President of the Canton Fong Hin Hospital. He is also connected with several other Canton public organizations.

In Hongkong Mr. Chan is a Managing Director of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company; member of the Finance Committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong Division; President of the Chinese Athletic Association; member of the Committee of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children; and a prominent member of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and other public bodies concerned with the welfare of the Chinese.

National Police Force could be placed under the control and management of a Council of Representatives guaranteed by the leading Powers of the League of Nations, which would eventually become the Government of the United States of the World.

Next follows, as a natural sequence, the immediate reduction of taxation in all its forms. The people have been so heavily taxed in order to provide the necessary funds for the upkeep of navies and armies, that their purchasing powers are now practically exhausted. Such conditions can only mean poverty and discontent, decrease in the outputs of factories for foodstuffs, textiles, etc., and finally culminating in the closing down of factories and the increase of the unemployment throughout the world with its dangers of disorder and open revolt.

When the League of Nations succeeds in (a) creating an International Police Force, (b) scrapping superfluous battleships and armaments and disbarring useless troops, and (c) reducing taxation in all its forms, conditions throughout the world will gradually improve, and governments and world economists will then be in a

position to decide the question of gold and silver values, and remedy the widespread decline in commodity prices, reopen factories, and find markets for the world's raw materials and manufactures, whereby it will be possible to find employment for the millions of unemployed, who are now embarking on a disturbing the government of the world.

This would mean the revitalizing of trade and industry throughout the world, the end of the present world-wide depression, and the solution of the unemployment problem, in conclusion, I believe, it would mean the end of the end of war, if an International League of Women could be formed for the purpose of condemning and preventing war.

And, in order to counteract the dangerous and demoralizing influence of Russian Bolshevik teachings, no time should be lost in teaching children to worship and reverence God, and honour and obey their parents.

This is the key to the saving and preservation of civilization. *Salus populi suprema est lex.*

THE TSAN TAI.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Sam Hardy, who made a reputation in musical comedy before he entered upon a motion picture career twelve years ago, and has since become one of the outstanding character actors of the films, turned actor because of no work and being dressed up all the time. In addition to this, he wanted to travel.

Hardy, who enacts a supporting comedy role of a pompous, officious butler in "Annabelle's Affairs," the Fox comedy, showing at the King's Theatre to-day was soon disillusioned. He discovered the life of an actor is anything but easy and the salary of a thespian scarcely adequate to keep one in good clothes. Long railroad jumps and hall bedrooms did not add to his comfort either.

However, Hardy stuck to the stage with which he became fascinated, in spite of the discomforts he constantly encountered in addition to the hard work. Finally he became a star and, with a generous salary, realized his dream of fashionable, tailor-made clothes, but found the work none the less exacting. Since he has been making a living in motion pictures he has a home and its attendant comfort and frequent leisure in which to enjoy himself.

The featured roles in "Annabelle's Affairs" are enacted by Victor McLaglen and Jeanette MacDonald. Others in the cast are Roland Young, William Collier, Sr., Ruth Warren, Joyce Compton, Sally Blane, George Andre Berger, Ernest Wood, Hank Mann, and Ted Prouty.

"Annabelle's Affairs" is directed by Alfred E. Zuehlke, is based on "Good Graces" by Annabelle, Clare Kummer's romantic face that enjoyed popularity on the stage for many seasons.

"The Man They Couldn't Arrest."

Based on "Seamark's" popular novel of the same name, this brilliant Gaumont-British production, received with such unanimous approval by the critics, presents a picture of the most exciting and recent times. The story centres around one John Dain, a doctor, who has perfected an apparatus which enables him to listen in to conversations anywhere and at any time. With these unusual facilities at his command, he is enabled to overthrow the plans of the Black Pearl Group, whose next campaign includes a raid on the Duchess of Renburgh's jewel chest. As in the past he has been an informant in connection with Scotland Yard, under the pseudonym of "the ghost," "The Yard" realising the accuracy of his predictions, is enabled to bring off some salutary arrests. But the Renburgh couple troubles John Dain for the simple reason that he is the father of the woman he loves, although ostensibly a stockbroker, is an active member of the group. Lyall naturally presents the outward aspects of gentility, Dain warns him, however, that if he had intended to participate in the raid, alters his plans at the eleventh hour. Lyall is subsequently killed in Dain's apartment, whether he had been followed by one of the creatures of the gang, Dain does not say, and the mystery is naturally ascribed to him, though, in reality it is Count Lazard, the distinguished and unsuspected leader of the gang, who fired the shot fearful of Lyall's disclosures. The frantic endeavours of Scotland Yard to arrest Dain, the Count's frustrated attempt upon the life of the inventor, the ultimate vindication of his name, the arrest of the Count, and the happy conclusion of Dain's love affair make up a story of a kind that will please audiences everywhere.

Hush Money.

Screen and stage tradition that only one member of a family may hope to make it in the limelight and that additional members of the family must hush in the shadows, though equally talented, does not hold good with the Moore family. Three brothers, Owen, Matt and Tom, have been equally successful in films and for a period of many years.

At the time Owen Moore was playing a prominent role in the Fox production, "Hush Money," which will be shown at the King's Theatre starting next Thursday, Matt was clicking in "The Front Page," and Tom had deserted the screen temporarily to play the lead in a stage production in Hollywood. Attempts to learn which of the brothers the most vague and popularity would go would be met with quite a variety of opinion.

"Hush Money" is based on a screen play by Courtenay Terrett, the former newspaper ace, Phillip Klein, and Dudley Nichols, ex-star reporter. What happens in the picture is occupying front page space and headlines in the daily press.

In addition to Joan Bennett and Harlie Albright, who have the leading roles, C. Henry Gordon and Douglas Cosgrove have important parts.

"Five and Ten."

An amazing industry, critics prone to ridicule should first see the tremendous efforts that goes into their making. It is the most astonishing revelation I have witnessed in many years.

Such was the observation of Charles Dana Gibson, world-famous artist and writer, after visiting Marion Davies at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio where she was at work on "Five and Ten," her new starring vehicle which will open on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre.

Gibson, accompanied by the "original Gibson girl"—his wife—made an exhaustive study of the giant film plant and inspected the vast industrial units connected with the making of sound pictures.

"Of course," he said, "there is no place on earth where there are so many beautiful women to see as in Hollywood. It is natural the screen should attract them. But that is secondary in my mind to the enormous activities necessary to the operation of a motion picture studio. Just to think of the combined efforts and

NAVAL COMMANDS.

APPOINTMENTS FOR TWO ADMIRALS.

London, Jan. 18.

The Admiralty announce that Rear Admiral, Eric Drax is to be Commander-in-Chief of the America and West Indies Station, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Vernon Haggard, to date April 2.

Rear-Admiral Dunbar Nasmith is to be Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Station, in succession to Vice-Admiral Fullerton, to date April 29. *British Wireless.*

[Rear-Admiral Nasmith holds the Victoria Cross, awarded in 1915. He destroyed eleven Turkish vessels in the Sea of Marmara while in command of Submarine E.11. He has been in command of the R.N. College, Dartmouth, and Naval A.D.C. to the King, being promoted Rear-Admiral in 1928. He has been Rear-Admiral Submarines since 1929.]

energies put forth to make a picture is overwhelming."

Robert Z. Leonard directed the new Davies picture from the Fannie Hurst novel. Leslie Howard plays opposite the star and the cast includes Irene Rich, Richard Bennett, Kent Douglas, Mary Duncan, Lee Remick and others.

"East of Borneo."

The remarkable photoplay, "East of Borneo," produced by Universal and filmed partly in the picturesque jungles of Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula, among ancient ruins which form the setting for the action of the drama, is now showing at the Central Theatre.

This picture, it is announced, is in no sense a travelogue, but a dramatic story which is filled with suspense and exciting action. The film tells the story of an American doctor who has literally buried himself in this wild region where he, the only white man in the entire countryside, is the personal physician of an Oriental rajah who rules his people from a ruined castle. Into this desolate spot comes the divorced wife of the doctor, her ex-kindled love causing her to follow him half way around the world. It is when her late husband spurs her and the rajah casts covetous eyes on the beautiful white woman that the drama reaches its climax, while the thunderous eruption of a nearby volcano adds terror to the scene.

The cast of "East of Borneo" is headed by Rose Hobart and Charles Bickford, and also includes Georges Renavent, Lupita Tovar, Noble Johnson and many hundreds of native Malays. This remarkable production was directed by George Melford.

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A suggestion that social evenings should also be arranged was favourably received, and referred to the committee.

Sir William Peel was supported in the chair by Mr. J. Scott Harston (Vice-President), Mr. J. H. Bottomley, Mr. J. H. Shaw, Mr. J. G. Meyer (Hon. Secretary), Mr. E. W. Coulson (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. H. H. Priestley (Hon. Auditor).

Successful Inception.

In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, His Excellency said:

I assume the report and statement of accounts has been circulated to all members so that there is very little that is useful to be added to it, except to say that it sets out very clearly the great success of the inception of this Society and of the year's working. The membership has exceeded, certainly any number I figured, or which most other people figured, and there is no doubt it has enjoyed a good start. I think it is only right to congratulate those who are responsible for this, and although one is in danger of becoming invidious, I think we should congratulate and thank Mrs. Dyer, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Coulson for all they have done in starting the Society in a successful way.

There is no doubt that the cabaret dinner-dance decided upon last year was a great success, and I am quite sure the success was due in no small measure to the versatility of your Vice-President.

You will be glad to see that the President of the Yorkshire Society nearest to Hongkong, in Malaya, has been knighted in the New Year's honours list and awarded the K.B.E.

Finances Satisfactory.

The balance sheet can be regarded on the whole as satisfactory, though unfortunately there is a debit balance. When you consider the loss on the dinner-dance, however, the financial position can be regarded as quite satisfactory.

I should like to mention that the Hon. Treasurer hopes that all subscriptions will be paid as soon as possible. (Hear! hear!)

If any member wishes to ask any question on the report and accounts I am sure a member of the committee will be pleased to answer them. I am only a figurehead!

Mr. J. H. Bottomley seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, the motion being carried unanimously.

H.E. Again President.

Mr. J. Scott Harston, in proposing the re-election of Sir William Peel to the Presidency of the Society, said he was sure he was voicing the feelings of all the members of the Society when he said that they felt very proud when he accepted the office last year, and they would feel grateful if he would do so again this year.

Mr. G. H. Potts seconded, Sir William being unanimously re-elected.

The other officers elected were: Vice-President, Mr. J. Scott Harston; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Meyer; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Leach; Committee, Mrs. Dyer, Mr.

THE LAUSANNE CONFERENCE.

VERY BRIEF MEETING LIKELY.

London, Jan. 18.
 If the present arrangements for holding the Lausanne Reparations Conference on January 25 remain unchanged, the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Neville Chamberlain), Foreign Secretary (Sir John Simon) and President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Runciman), the three chief British delegates, will leave for Switzerland next Saturday.

It is anticipated that the conference in any case will be comparatively brief. Many newspapers are inclined to the view that a comparatively short reparations moratorium, together with an arrangement for a further conference later in the year, when the electoral preoccupation in France and Germany would be over and at which more complete reviews of the problem might be practicable, would accord best with all the factors in the present situation. No official view on the policy is at present available.

The Italian financial experts, Signors Beneduce and Butti, returned to Rome during the weekend, after their conversations in London and Paris.

M. Briand's Work.

Sir John Simon, in his letter to M. Briand, sent on hearing of the latter's decision not to remain in office, wrote:

"I cannot allow the occasion to pass without expressing my own personal regrets at your decision, after your long and distinguished career of office and the great services you rendered to the cause of peace. I need not assure you that it would be a matter of especial gratification to me to be able to continue with you the collaboration which we began so happily together, but as I do not to be, I must console myself with the reflection that you will continue, though out of office, to lend the weight of your great authority in the cause for which you worked so long and with such pre-eminence of direction."

Disarmament Meeting.

Oslo, Jan. 18.
 Because the Government's instructions to the Norwegian delegation to the Disarmament Conference do not afford the Labour member an opportunity of expressing an independent view, Mr. Edvard Bull, former Labour Foreign Minister, has refused to join the delegation.

It is unlikely that any Labourite will participate. *Reuter.*

China's Delegates.

Nanking, Jan. 18.
 Mr. Ching Li-hsin, the Secretary to the Chinese Legation in London, and Dr. Hu Shih-tse, the Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, have been appointed to represent China at the forthcoming Disarmament Conference. *Reuter.*

J. H. Bottomley and Mr. J. H. Shaw; Hon. Auditor, Mr. H.H.H. Priestley.

Sing-Song and Smoke.

The question of organising another function on the lines of last year's cabaret dance was discussed, and Mr. Gibson said that he was one of those who had finished with dancing, and he thought they should get away from a function like last year. They could always have dinners, and what he suggested was that they should have an evening the same as was enjoyed in Yorkshire. They wanted some-

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thing informal, where they could sit round and enjoy themselves.

His Excellency:—You suggest the members should sit round, have a sing-song, smoke and so on?

Mr. A. R. Brown said he thought that with an annual function they needed something more than suggested by Mr. Gibson, and he was of the opinion, in view of the success of last year's cabaret dance, that it should be repeated. None the less, Mr. Gibson's suggestion could be acted upon for other occasions, and might be held once every three months. He also suggested that the concert should be better organised and that the famous Yorkshire song "On Ilkka Moor" should be made a more concerted item.

On being put to the meeting, it was decided to hold a cabaret dinner-dance this year, the date to be fixed by the committee. A vote of thanks to His Excellency for presiding, and another to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. for the use of the board room, closed the meeting.

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NAVAL WEDDING.

COUPLE LEAVE UNDER
CROSSED SWORDS.

Indicating the popularity of the bride couple were the crowds that thronged St. Joseph's Church yesterday afternoon, when Miss Jessica Beatrice Winters was married to Flying Officer Arthur Donald Bennett of the Royal Air Force. The church was packed, the uniforms of the many naval officers present adding a colourful touch. The couple left the church under the crossed swords of the naval and air force officers.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Cassandra Winters, of San Francisco, California, and the groom, who is stationed on H.M.S. Hermes, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bennett, of Nottingham, England.

Dresses worn by the bridal party were simple, but most attractive. The bride was in a creation of Madame Flint's, of heavy white ivory satin, trimmed with pearls and white crepe georgette, with a full length fan shaped train forming at the waist. The long bridal veil, the end of which was carried by Miss Yvonne Blackmore, was trimmed with orange blossom, and was a gift from the bride's aunt, Mrs. D. L. Ballantyne. She carried a bouquet of Manila orchids. The little flower girl and trainbearer were in a dainty dress of green tulle (Victorian style), with trimmings that followed the colour scheme of the bridesmaids' gowns. The bridesmaids, Miss Ena Allen and Miss Irene Butler, struck an uncommon and most attractive note, being of the same design but in two delicate pastel shades. They wore of georgette, with tulle coats, hats and shoes to match. Miss Allen chose pink and Miss Butler was in blue. Both carried bouquets of sweet peas.

Mrs. Winters was wearing a powder blue crepe-de-chine dress with a panne velvet jacket and hat and shoes to match. The Matron of Honour, Mrs. L. F. Griffiths, the bride's aunt, was in a gown of mauve georgette and lace, with black velvet hat and shoes. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Mr. L. F. Griffiths, the bride's uncle, gave her away.

Attending the groom, who was in the Royal Air Force dress uniform, were Mr. D. L. Ballantyne as best man, and Lieut. W. H. Parkin, R.N., and Lieut. H. L. Hayes, R.N., as groomsmen both in uniform.

The officiating priest was Father Rignani, assisted by Father Granelli.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ballantyne, "Woodbury", Pokfulam, where the usual toasts were honoured.

The bride's travelling dress was an ensemble of green, trimmed with black fur, with hat and shoes to match.

DEATH IN SIAM.

FORMER EMPLOYEE OF
KOWLOON RAILWAY.

The Bangkok Times announces the death of Mr. Ingham Sutcliffe, M. I. Mech. E., which took place at the Nursing Home recently. He was taken ill on December 4, but only removed to the Nursing Home early this month and some of his friends did not realise he was seriously ill.

Mr. Sutcliffe was a Yorkshireman, born at Bradford in 1865. He lived, and at the time of his death was in his fifty-first year. He is survived by a widow and daughter, both of whom recently rejoined him in Bangkok.

Mr. Ingham Sutcliffe saw service in Ireland before coming East early in 1916 as Assistant Locomotive Superintendent for the Kowloon-Canton Railway, a post he left towards the end of 1919 to join the Siam State Railway. His first official function in his new duties was on December 20 of that year, when His late Majesty opened that new administration block and the King's private station at Chitra Lada. Mr. Sutcliffe was successively assistant chief mechanical engineer in charge at Makawan workshop, then Workshop Superintendent and at the time he left the service was superintending engineer of the Workshops Branch. On his return from his second furlough Mr. Ingham Sutcliffe established himself as a consulting and inspecting engineer, and also acted as technical representative for a number of engineering firms.

Interested in Freemasonry, Mr. Ingham Sutcliffe was a member of the Sunbeam Lodge I.C., and when he went to Hongkong joined Lodge St. John under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He took no active part in the craft in Bangkok beyond occasionally being present at the local lodge meetings. Mr. Sutcliffe also served for a period on the Committee of Christ Church.

FATAL LANDSLIDE.

COOLIES BURIED: ONE
SUCCEUMS.

A number of a gang of coolies employed in cutting a hill in Kung Village, near Kowloon City, was killed yesterday morning as a result of a landslide, which buried him and several others. The victim was working with over 20 other coolies when the embankment which they were engaged in cutting suddenly collapsed, burying several of them.

The others immediately set to work and succeeded in extricating all except the deceased. Help had to be sent for from Tsimshatsui, and when the necessary equipment arrived, the earth was removed, but the man was already dead.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

NON-AGGRESSION PACT
DAMNED.

Whether the Government approves or disapproves the proposal for a Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact, the opposition thereto is so firmly implanted and widespread that the likelihood of acceptance is virtually damned.

It is considered that the suggestion would have had a greater chance of acceptance had the Soviet given the Japanese Government time to prepare the ground for a favourable reception before making the matter public.—*Reuter "Telegraph" Special.*

U.S. Ambassador.
Washington, Jan. 18. President Hoover has chosen Mr. Joseph C. Grew, United States Ambassador to Turkey, to succeed Col. W. Cameron Forbes, Ambassador to Japan.

Mr. Jefferson Caffery, Minister to Colombia, may succeed Mr. Grew as Minister to Turkey.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Reports that Colonel W. Cameron Forbes, the United States ambassador to Japan, intended to resign were denied as recently as January 11. Rumours circulated in the United States that there had been serious friction between the Ambassador and the State Department were also vigorously denied.

Col. Forbes' Career.
According to a Washington message of Dec. 31, Col. W. Cameron Forbes expressed his desire to retire from the Diplomatic Service within two months and to return to private life.

Col. Forbes, who is a grandson of Ralph Waldo Emerson, was formerly Governor-General of the Philippine Islands (1909-13), prior to which he had been vice-governor (1908-09) and secretary of commerce and police in the P.I. Government (1904-08). He was a member of the Wood-Forbes Mission which was sent by President Harding to investigate conditions in the Philippines in 1921. He has been a partner of J. M. Forbes and Co., merchants of Boston, since 1899. It is, perhaps, significant that he is an honorary president of the China Society of America.

Mr. Grew a Trained Diplomat.

Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the new Ambassador, has had a notable diplomatic career, chiefly in Europe and the Near East. He has been Ambassador to Turkey since May of 1917. Mr. Grew began his career as a clerk in the Consulate at Cairo in 1904. Thereafter his promotion was rapid and he was able to travel extensively in Europe and the East. When America broke off diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary in 1917, he was charged d'ailleurs. At the conclusion of the war he took an active part in the peace negotiations. After holding various diplomatic posts in Europe, Mr. Grew returned to Washington as Under Secretary of State, which position he held until his appointment in 1927 as Ambassador to Turkey.

War Advocated.

Nanking, Jan. 18. Speaking at the memorial meeting this morning, Mr. Sun Fo declared that some leaders of the administration favoured a declaration of war against Japan, and others severance of diplomatic relations, but no decision as to this had been made by the Government. He added that the final decision awaited the arrival in Nanking of Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Ching-wel

GEMS OF PERIL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

Mary replaced the receiver on the hook thoughtfully. After a moment she took it down again and asked the clerk if the Countess had come in yet. Told that she had, she asked for room service and ordered sandwiches and iced drinks sent up to her own room. Then, with trepidation turning her knees to jelly, she went down the hall and tapped on the other woman's door. If she lost a moment, she knew her courage would ooze away entirely.

"Who is it?" came in muffled tones after a moment's pause. "It's I," Mary said gently, trying to soften the blow. Louise must have hoped to hear Bruce's voice, contrite and pleading.

"What do you want?" The door was jerked open about a foot, revealing the Countess in hellish mules and a thin green silk robe, her thick black hair pushed back as she wiped cold-cream from her cheeks with a towel. Wiped clean of make-up, she looked younger than Mary had ever seen her—like a sulky, nervous child. Her eyes bore the traces of recent tears.

"I've sent for some tea—I thought you'd like some—I didn't know you weren't feeling well," Mary stammered.

The Countess averted her tell-tale eyes. She walked about the room restlessly, stopping to shake an empty packet of cigarettes. She tossed it away angrily.

"Come just as you are," Mary urged. "There's no one about."

Perhaps Louise surprised herself as well as Mary, but she came, wrapping her robe more securely about her. Perhaps her tiff with Bruce had made her welcome female company for a change.

"Tea?" she exclaimed scornfully. "In this weather? Horrible idea!"

"Iced tea. The American version. It's really very good. Try it."

With a pronounced sneer on her lips, Louise stretched out a white bare arm and accepted a glass gingerly. Midway of the soft round forearm flashed a beautiful diamond bracelet.

"Oh, what a divine bracelet!" Mary exclaimed. "Have I seen it before?"

At the same moment that the words came from her lips, the realization came to her that she had seen it before—on the arm of Mrs. Jupiter! Of course, that was what happened. The Fly, unable to dispose of the publicity given the case together with a minute description of the jewels, was reduced to the expedient of borrowing it from his erstwhile love. He must have been hard pressed for money, and probably risked letting it out of his possession only on that hardheaded business woman's insistence.

But chance had foiled their intention of secrecy. Or had the and Hu Han-min.—*Reuter.*

The New State.

Nanking, Jan. 18. A telegram from Peking states that the independence movement in Manchuria is in full swing. It is reported that the Japanese originally favoured a monarchical Government, but now favour a republic. It is stated that Henry Pu Yi, the Boy Emperor, will be made the first president of the new government, and will be inaugurated on February 6.—*Reuter "Telegraph" Special.*

Countess let the beautiful bauble be seen deliberately? Bruce's affections needed whipping up, if Mary was any judge. And a little discreet jealousy would do the trick!

The Countess stood without replying. She had no idea how De Loma had come by the bracelet and the thought that Mary might be speaking seriously disquieted her. "This was only for a moment."

"Do you like it?" she said negligently. "It was a present from my—former husband."

Mary felt a choking sense of excitement. She must get that bracelet! It would be damning evidence against The Fly—perhaps enough in itself to hang him for Mrs. Jupiter's murder.

As she stood turning the circle in her fingers, pretending to examine it, there came a loud rap at the door. Both women jumped.

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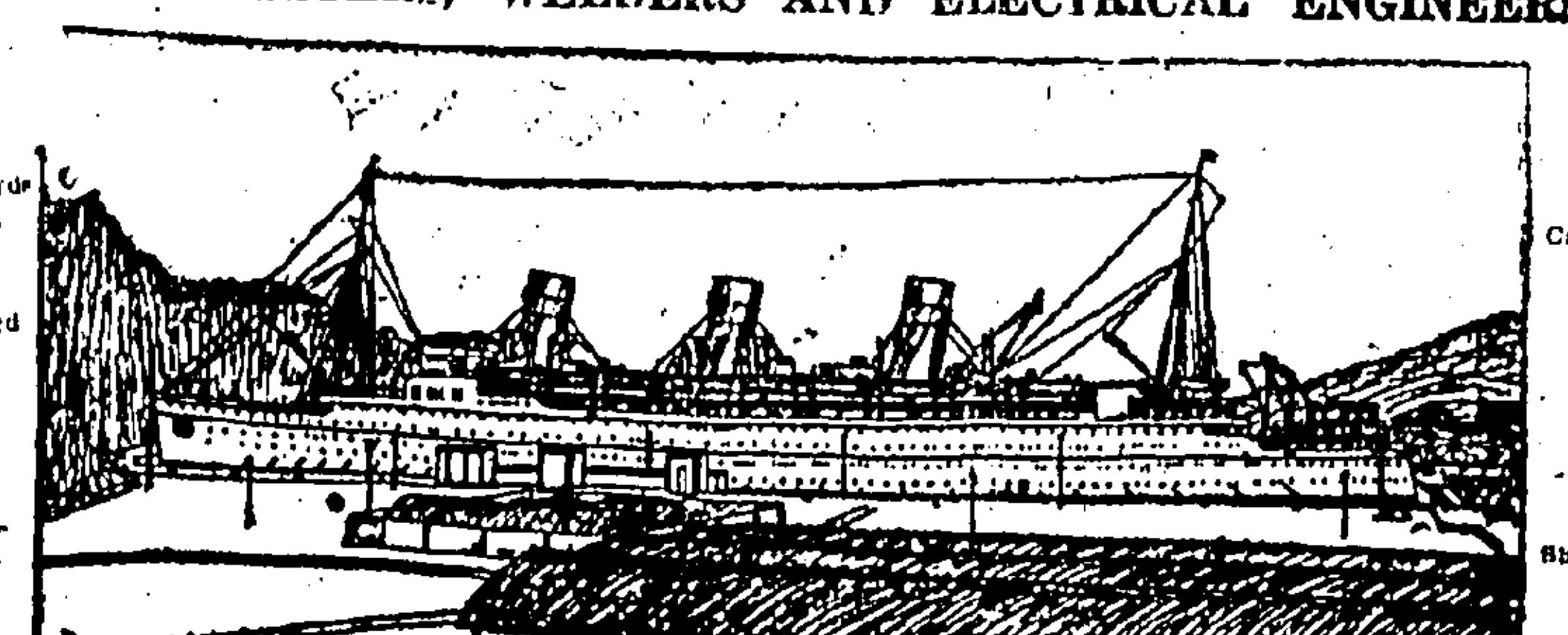
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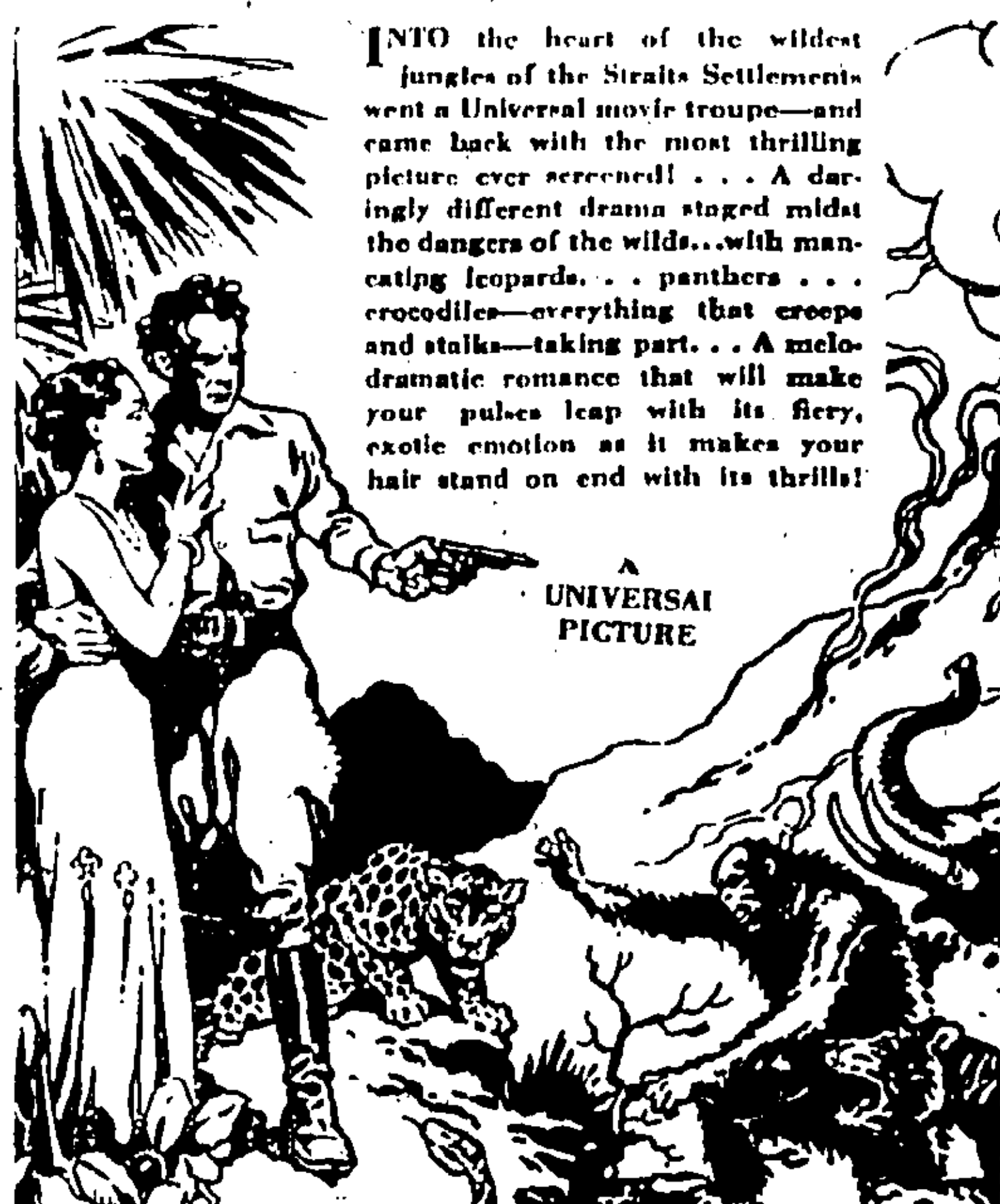
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FULHAM RETURN TO FORM.

CONVINCING WIN OVER PALACE.

London, Jan. 18. Two matches were played in the Third Division (South) to-day. Fulham returned to form, imposing a 4-0 defeat upon Crystal Palace, while Watford, visiting Thames F.C., won by the odd goal of three.—*Reuter.*

The revised league tables follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A. Pts.
Brentford	23	14	6	4	45
Fulham	24	13	6	6	41
Crystal Pal.	24	12	6	6	35
Watford	24	13	4	7	43
Exeter	24	12	5	7	50
Reading	25	11	6	8	50
Norwich	23	10	7	6	37
Southend	24	10	7	7	43
Coventry	24	10	6	8	41
Brighton	23	11	4	8	38
Luton	24	11	3	10	45
Queen's P.R.	24	9	7	8	48
Bournemouth	24	9	5	10	42
Mansfield	25	8	6	11	46
Cardiff	23	8	4	11	42
Bristol R.	24	6	1	17	42
Swindon	24	6	1	17	38
Torquay	24	6	1	17	41
Clapton O.	23	6	1	17	40
Gillingham	23	7	4	12	25
Northampton	24	5	5	14	26
Thames	25	4	7	14	29

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market opened quietly steady with a better enquiry for some of the "Utilities," which were slightly marked up. That also applies to Ewos, Shanghai being buyers at a higher price than our local rate.

Sales.

Trans, \$22½.
Electric, \$78¼.
Star Ferries, \$97.
Benzets, \$12.

Buyers.

Unions, \$41½.
Providents (old), \$530.
Providents (new), \$24½.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
China Lights, \$26.40.
Singapore Tractions, 3/4.
Sinceres, \$16.
H.K. Government Loan, 32¼.
Benzets, \$11½.
Hotels (old), \$15.15.
Realities, \$11.60.
Ewos, Tis. 16¼.
Telephones (part paid), \$27.60.
Cements (new), \$5.00.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.

Sellers.

Indo-China (Pref.), \$15.
Indo-China (Def.), \$32.
Realities, \$12.
Electric, \$25.
Entertainments (old), \$16¼.
Raubs, \$10.
H.K. Lands, \$82¼.
Ewos, Tis. \$16¼.
Telephones (part paid), \$28.

REASON WINNING THE DAY.

Dwindling India Agitation.

OFFICIAL VIEW OPTIMISTIC.

London, Jan. 18. Reports concerning the second week's operation of the special Government measures in India are reassuring.

In most Provinces, notably Madras, the Punjab, Bihar and Orissa, Bengal, the Central Provinces and Assam, there has been little activity, and apart from the North West Province, a general absence of trouble in the rural areas.

The situation in Bombay City is well under control, and Congress has received only lukewarm support in the rest of the Presidency.

In the United Provinces, the failure of the no-rent campaign has been a significant feature and in the large towns of the Provinces there is a definite tendency for the disturbances to settle down.

Arrests Continue.

In the North West Frontier Province, although many arrests are still necessary, and disaffection tends to revive in some centres, a general improvement continues. In the Bombay Presidency, the position generally is quiet.

The arrest of the leading agitators and the seizure of notified places continue. A considerable number of those arrested have since been released. In several cases disclaimers or apologies have been accepted by the District Magistrates.

Occasional hartals, have received comparatively little support. Reports state that the removal of the principal agitators has had a salutary effect everywhere.

No Serious Clashes.

In the United Provinces, orders prohibiting processions and meetings have been generally obeyed and much less enthusiasm for no-rent campaign has been shown.

Allahabad is still the worst centre of activity in the Province, although no further serious clash between the police and processions has occurred.

In Bengal, the situation is generally quiet and the anti-government movement has not gained momentum. A decrease of important crime as compared with the previous week is recorded in Burma, where surrenders continue, particularly in the Prome District.—*British Wireless.*

INTERESTING LOCAL WEDDING.

GIRL GRADUATE MARRIES VARSITY STUDENT.

An interesting wedding took place at the Church of Christ in China this afternoon, when Miss Lillian L. Taang, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Taang Wai-sun, became the bride of Mr. Kenneth K. Lee, son of Mrs. Lee Lim-shee and younger brother of Mr. Cheung S. Lee. The bride is a graduate of the Pool To Girls' Academy, Canton, and the bridegroom a student at Lingnam University.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a foreign-style gown of white satin, with a long train, and was attended by her sister, Miss Katherine Taang, as bridesmaid. The bridesmaid wore a gown of pink satin and carried a bouquet of pink flowers, while the bride's bouquet was of white flowers.

The Rev. Mr. Chang was the officiating clergyman, and Mr. Lai Chok-tin, Professor at Lingnam University, was the best man. Music was supplied by the Lingnam Orchestra.

A reception is being held at 8 p.m. to-day at the Tung Yut Restaurant, and the newly-wed couple will later leave for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent.

THROWING RUBBISH IN HARBOUR.

BOAT-WOMAN SMARTLY FINED.

A boatwoman was charged before the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, with having dumped rubbish from her junk in the harbour on Jan. 18.

Mr. A. M. Holland, of the P.W.D., said that about 3.20 on Jan. 18 he was on duty in the harbour when he came across the defendant about 2,000 feet west of Kellett Island and 4,000 feet north of the Praya Wall. On seeing defendant throw some building debris into the water, he asked her for her licence and saw that the number corresponded with that on the junk.

The accused denied the charge, and said she had no witnesses.

Comdr. Hole remarked that the habit of throwing rubbish into the harbour was very common, and was very difficult to detect. He had no doubt whatever that the accused was guilty and he was going to deal with the case seriously.

A fine of \$50 or one month's imprisonment was imposed.

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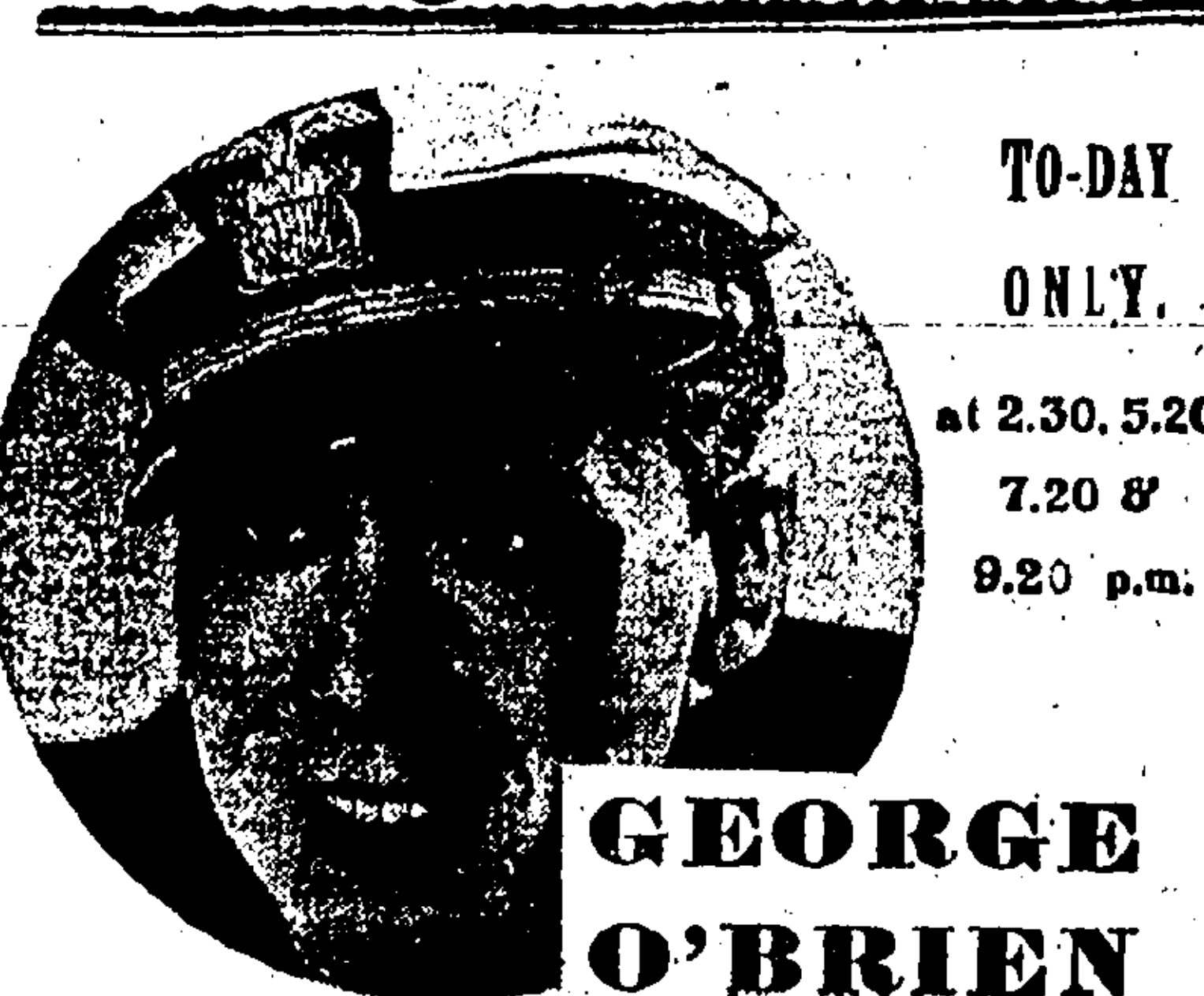


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